Canada

Heroes of Lebanon get Meritorious Service Cross

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

For two Canadian Forces soldiers stationed at the Canadian embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, danger was just part of the job.

Lt.-Col. William McCullough, 50, was captured three times by various warring factions in Lebanon's civil war.

Sgt. Larry Abbott, 39, was the target of snipers, had his car shot at and his apartment building machine-gunned.

On Wednesday, Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé awarded the two men the Meritorious Service Cross at a ceremony at Rideau Hall. It was the first time the medal, presented for exceptional military service, has been awarded.

Both men, now stationed in Ottawa, described their stay in Lebanon as a mixture of boredom and excitement.

For McCullough the excitement began during his first week in Lebanon in July 1982 when he was kidnapped by a Christian militiaman.

"A guy jumped into my car, put a gun to my head and said 'drive'," recalls McCullough. "So I started driving."

He was released unharmed an hour later after he drove the gunman to Beirut.

On two other occasions McCullough was arrested by Israeli soldiers and Druze militiamen. Both times the 26-year Canadian Forces veteran talked his captors into releasing him.

Abbott, who was in charge of military police guarding the embassy from November 1983 to August 1984, said much of the time spent in Beirut was dull.

"You couldn't go anywhere or do much of anything because snipers would take a shot at you if you went out onto the streets."

Snipers not only shot at Abbott but also at his car and apartment building.

"Everyone at the embassy behaved with considerable courage," said Abbott, a 23-year Forces veteran.

During the ceremony, members of the Canadian Forces were also invested into the Order of Military Merit, an award to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the military. Those from Ottawa invested as Commanders of the Order of Military Merit included Maj.-Gen. Larry Ashley and Maj.-Gen. James Fox.

Officers of the Order of Military Merit from Ottawa included Lt.-Col. Raymond Carruthers, Col. Roger Cunningham, Lt.-Col. Lorne MacLean and Maj. Colin Sangster.

Master Warrant Officer Stuart Boyd, Capt. William Code, Sgt. John Devitt, Master Warrant Officer Jacques Roby, Adjudant Joseph Guenette and Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Terrence Shergold, all from Ottawa, were invested as Members of the Order of Military Merit.

—Drew Gragg, Citizen

Gov. Gen. Sauvé pins Meritorious Service Cross on Lt. Col. McCullough (top photo) and Sgt. Abbott

Ottawa bishop defends study that supported homosexuals

By Louise Crosby
Citizen staff writer

Ottawa's Anglican Bishop Edwin Lackey has defended a controversial study guide on human sexuality, saying it wasn't meant to state church doctrine but to provide information so Anglicans can form their own opinions.

The study guide, approved last week by the Anglican Church of Canada's national executive council, contains two controversial chapters that present a sympathetic view of homosexuality.

In one chapter on homosexuality and social justice, lay person Phyllis Creighton says homosexuals have long been oppressed and deserve compassion.

"The church — bishops, priests and laity — could offer public and private support for the human rights of homosexual persons."

Objections to the chapters have come from within the nine-member committee that drew up the guide as well as from other members of the church.

Montreal Bishop Reginald Hollis, a committee member, has asked that his name be removed from the guide.

He said the guide doesn't condemn the unhealthy elements of the homosexual community, such as promiscuous sex.

Another opponent, Yukon Bishop Ronald Ferris, said the study guide will suggest an allegiance between the church and the gay rights movement.

But Lackey, who voted for its publication, said the authors accomplished what they set out to do — educate, present arguments and help people think for themselves.

"It doesn't take a position," he said. "It's a resource document for church members who are prepared to do a serious study of human sexuality in the light of Christian theology and tradition and modern technology."

Lackey

The committee has been working on the study guide since 1979, after Canadian bishops released a statement saying homosexuals can be ordained in the church if they meet the theological requirements and do not engage in homosexual acts.

"It has been a tough, tough struggle to get this far because there are so many differences of opinion," Lackey said. "(Sex) is such a contentious issue."

The study guide contains seven chapters on subjects such as the Christian tradition and sexuality, how we develop sexually and sexuality and the status of women.

Creighton's chapter explores current understandings of the origin and nature of homosexuality and includes a history of attitudes and personal testimonies of what it's like to be gay.

The study guide will be on sale in Ottawa early next year at Canterbury House bookstores.

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Country Place/ Second watermain planned

Ottawa-Carleton is planning to spend about $811,000 to build a second watermain to Country Place that will boost water pressure and provide a more secure water supply for the Nepean community.

Regional works spokesman Wilf Brien said the region has completed a $611,000 watermain from the CN Rail tracks on Hwy. 16 to MacFarlane and Greenside roads. The remaining watermains on Greenside, Promenade and Sheridan avenues are expected to cost about $200,000.

Brien said the new watermain will link up with the old one to provide higher water pressure for houses and fighting fires.

Work on the remainder of the project is to start in January and will be completed within four weeks.

Brien said the work will cause few traffic delays because the watermains will be installed on the shoulder of the streets.

Vanier/ Residents welcome development

With the blessing of area residents, Vanier Council has approved a 47-house Mastercraft Development Corp. project near Bedard and Granville streets.

Gerard Grandmaître, a representative of the residents group that lobbied against the project, said he is now pleased with it.

Residents opposed the development because they felt the housing density was too high and zoning changes requested by the developer would have allowed more development and increased housing density.

Grandmaître said residents met with the city and the developer several times to reach a compromise.

Mastercraft reduced the number of houses to 47 from 56 and agreed the land should be zoned for single homes only.

The houses will sell for an average of $175,000.

Ald. Pierre Crête said the new neighborhood "will be one of the most interesting and pleasant developments in Vanier."

Council unanimously approved the development at a recent meeting.

Katimavik/ Building an architectural first

Campeau Corp. will soon begin an office building in Kanata that boasts many architectural firsts in Canada, says architect Peter Pivko.

The two-storey office building, to be located at the corners of Katimavik Road, Whitney Drive and Hearst Way, will be the first structure in Canada covered with ceramic tiles.

The process by which the tiles will be applied to the building is also a first. The tiles will be attached to large panels that will be applied to the outer walls of the building.

Another first for the building will be blue glass blocks installed along the stairs to the main entrance.

The European blocks, which were previously available only in a clear or bronze color, will be the first blue blocks shipped to Canada, Pivko said.

Campeau received final approval for the building from city council Tuesday and is now waiting for a building permit.

"If the permit is received in early December, construction will begin before winter sets in," Pivko said. If the permit is received in late December, construction will be delayed until spring.

Manor Park/ Recreation study passed

Ottawa planning committee has approved a study on the recreation needs of Manor Park that recommends improvements to neighborhood parks.

Ald. Marc Laviolette said the recommendations in the study should be given high priority because of the high level of volunteer work contributed by residents in the community.

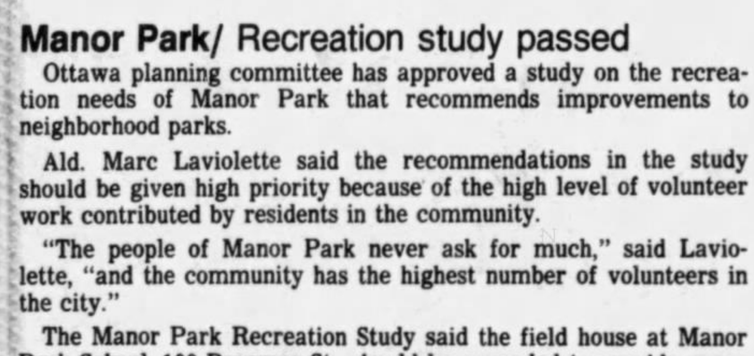
"The people of Manor Park never ask for much," said Laviolette, "and the community has the highest number of volunteers in the city."

The Manor Park Recreation Study said the field house at Manor Park School, 100 Braemar St., should be expanded to provide space for a drop-in centre, meetings, after-four child care program and special community events.

The study recommends city staff conduct a four-month study on the cost of upgrading or replacing the swimming and wading pools at Alvin Heights Park on Claremont Drive.

It suggests improvements to the playgrounds at Manor Park School and Hemlock Park on Hemlock Road and St. Laurent Boulevard.

Council is to consider the study Dec. 4.



—Wayne Cuddington, Citizen

Facial treatment: John Mlacak applies some finishing touches to a portrait during art class at the Ottawa School of Art on George Street in the Byward Market.

Stanley Corners/ Housing project approved

Goulbourn Council has approved a 25-home housing project on 50 acres to be reclaimed at a sand and gravel pit south of Stanley Corners.

Township planner Robert McKay said council approved the development on the property owned by Allan Sauvé because it is no longer being considered as part of the Ontario Hydro power corridor.

McKay said part of the pit near Fallowfield and Huntley roads will be filled for housing and the remainder will become a pond. The houses will be built on two-acre estate lots.

The land will be graded and trees will be planted to conceal all traces of the sand and gravel pit, which is still in operation.

McKay said construction of the houses is to start within the next year.

Dalhousie/ Flat converted to office

Ottawa Council has approved in principle a plan to convert the second floor of a building on Booth and Anderson streets into the headquarters for the National Association of Friendship Centres.

The 101 Friendship Centres provide social services and advice for native people moving to cities throughout Canada. The organization now has offices at 200 Cooper St.

City planner Arun Mhatre said a proposed bylaw amendment would allow the association to convert an apartment on the second floor of 341-343 Booth St. into offices.

Mhatre said two restaurants and a doctor's office will remain on the ground floor of the building.

A city staff report to council said a 1977 development plan for the area recommended the block be reserved for mixed commercial and residential use.

Lifting quotas angers valley shoe firms

Citizen staff

Reaction from shoe manufacturers in the Ottawa Valley Thursday to the federal government's plan to end import quotas on shoes ranged from predictions of doom to no comment.

Alexandria Mayor Jean-Paul Touchette said lifting the quotas will have a "catastrophic" impact on the town.

"It is a dirty deal, they have changed their priorities from pushing tainted tuna to pushing shoddy shoes."

The town of 3,300, about 65 kilometres east of Ottawa, has two footwear plants employing about 300.

Alexandria Footwear Ltd. manufactures Adidas brand while the local Brown Shoe Company produces the firm's Buster Brown brand.

Touchette admitted he wasn't very hopeful that the local plants can compete "with carloads of cheaper, low quality shoes."

He says he plans to ask council to provide a bus for local residents to join a protest against the quotas planned for Dec. 4 on Parliament Hill.

Clifford Evans, Canadian director of the United Food and Commercial Workers, the union at Brown Shoes in Alexandria and Stirling and at Bata Shoes in the Belleville area, said: "Mulroney has bowed to the pressure of the importers and retailers and broken his word to protect the domestic industry.

"When consumers wake up to the fact that 20,000 jobs have been lost and they are paying a lot more for a lot less shoe, they should boot (him) out of office."

The government announced Wednesday that import quotas on men's shoes would end Dec.

As well, quotas will be phased out over three years on all women's and girls' dress and casual shoe imports.

The move is expected to result in the introduction of more lower-priced import shoes into the market. Ecstatic retailers, who have been lobbying for the quotas to be dropped, are predicting shoe prices will fall by as much as 10 per cent by next year.

Ray Whippey, vice-president of Alexandria Footwear, said that although the firm has no immediate plans to cut jobs, "on the long term that's always a possibility."

Robert Farnel, United Textile Workers president at Brown Shoe in Perth, said the plant workforce has more than doubled to 350 under import quotas.

—Drew Gragg, Citizen

Enchanting setting: A lone figure strolls along a footpath at the Experimental Farm Arboretum as the setting sun breathes a hint of spring into the leafless trees and shrubs awaiting winter's snow.

Fraud artist sentenced to 14 months

By Jane Taber
Citizen staff writer

A 44-year-old man whose long criminal record dates back to 1959 was sentenced Thursday to 14 months in jail for defrauding banks of nearly $10,000.

Noting his "extreme criminal record," provincial court Judge J.M. Bordeleau told Fredrick Pain that "if you wish to commit offences you will be jailed accordingly."

Pain, an Ottawa man, has been in and out of jail for the past 26 years, mostly for fraud and theft-related convictions. He has one assault charge, but is not considered a violent offender.

Pain was charged for cashing stolen government cheques between April and May of this year. Court was told he stole the cheques from mail boxes.

As many as 20 cheques were involved, totalling nearly $10,000. The money has not been recovered.

Pain pleaded guilty in August.

Defence lawyer Rod Sellar told the judge that his client is a hard worker and has been gainfully employed throughout most of his career.

"He's not a drain on the municipal authorities."

But Assistant Crown Attorney John Wonnacott replied that while Pain's hasn't taxed the municipality, "he's certainly made up for that by being a drain on the provincial authorities."

Sellar asked for a sentence of six to nine months in jail. Wonnacott asked for a sentence ranging from 18 months to two years.

Money woes may cost Kenyan his B.A.

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

The generosity of Ottawa residents may be the only thing that can save a 22-year-old Kenyan man's dream of obtaining a university education.

Paul Okoth, who is enrolled in the final year of a Bachelor of Arts program at University of Ottawa, will have to return to Kenya in January unless he can raise at least $2,500 for his tuition.

Okoth, who has been studying at the university since 1983, began to have financial problems last September. Money from his parents, who took out a loan to finance his education, was quickly used up because of high tuition for foreign students.

"We didn't count on the Canadian government decision in 1982 to double foreign student tuition fees from $2,500 to almost $5,000," he said.

Through various emergency loans obtained from the university, Okoth was able to continue his studies.

In September, however, with his debt to the university at more than $9,000, Okoth was told he must pay the first instalment of his tuition, about $2,500, before he could enrol.

"The university has been great to me, so I don't blame them at all for what happened," said Okoth. "I guess I'm just a guy between the devil and the deep sea. But it is such a waste not to be able to complete my education with just one year to go."

Okoth still attends classes to keep up with his studies even though he isn't officially enrolled.

"I don't want to fall behind in my education just in case something does happen and I get the money I need."

A Carleton University professor who has befriended the student is hoping Ottawa residents will help the man out with financial contributions.

"A lot of times we send our money abroad to Third World countries and we wonder what happens to it," said Randal Marlin, an associate professor at Carleton University. "Here we have a concrete example at home of where our money could be put to good use to help someone from the Third World."

Okoth also has approached the Kenyan and Canadian governments for help, but with little result. The Kenyan government could offer only several hundred dollars and Okoth didn't qualify for Canadian government emergency funds for foreign students because he could not match the funds he would receive.

"There's not much that can be done for undergraduate foreign students in his predicament," said Kelly Thompson, spokesman for the Canadian Bureau for International Education, the organization that administers the emergency fund.

"They just seem to get lost in the crowd."

Okoth has also been given an emergency work permit by the federal government, but is still searching for a job.

His student visa expires at the end of January. If he doesn't have financial support by then, he will be forced to leave Canada.

More snow falls in search area

Citizen staff

A heavy snowfall expected today in northwestern Ontario is threatening to hamper the search for an Aylmer man missing since Saturday in rugged bushland, police say.

Sudese Singh, 42, of Oval Drive, apparently lost his way while on a geological expedition in the wooded and swampy area near Lake Theresa, about 300 kilometres west of Thunder Bay.

Provincial police in Marathon, 50 km east of Lake Theresa, said Thursday a search team of 26 people assisted by two helicopters and a search dog found no sign of the man.

About 29 searchers, accompanied by the helicopters and dog, returned to the area this morning.

The search has already been hampered by a 25-centimetre snowfall overnight Tuesday which forced the closure of highways in the Marathon area for 20 hours.

Police would not speculate on the chances of finding Singh alive.

"They will keep searching as long as they believe there is hope of finding him," said Const. Warren Brydges.

Post Office opens Saturdays before Christmas

Citizen staff

Canada Post is making things easier during the December pre-Christmas rush by opening postal stations on Saturdays.

Stations in Ottawa, Vanier, Nepean and Kanata will be open the three Saturdays before Christmas — Dec. 7, 14 and 21 — from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Canada Post also is reminding people that the deadline for some international air mail Christmas parcels is only a week away.

Small parcels and packets being sent by air to Sweden, Poland, USSR, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Europe, Asia, South Pacific, Africa, South America and Caribbean must be mailed by Nov. 27.

Air mail parcels to Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Japan, Hong Kong, Switzerland and Canadian Forces post offices should be sent before Dec. 2.

Domestic mail deadlines for parcels and cards also are fast-approaching. Parcels being sent to out-of-town Canadian destinations must be mailed before Dec. 3. Local parcels must be sent before Dec. 13.

Cards being sent to destinations in the Ottawa area have a deadline of Dec. 16.

Road Report

QUEENSWAY

BRONSON — eastbound off-ramp closed from 9 a.m. to noon.

BAYSWATER TO BRONSON — down one lane eastbound from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

METCALFE TO BRONSON — down one lane westbound from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

LYONS — westbound on-ramp closed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

CENTRAL

BILLINGS BRIDGE — on Bank Street over the Rideau River is closed from 9:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. At all other times traffic is down to one narrow lane in each direction until the end of November.

MACKENZIE AVENUE — near the Chateau Laurier is slow as one lane is closed due to construction.

BANK STREET — southbound between Second and Fifth Avenues is down one lane for construction work.

EAST

BREEZEHILL AVENUE — is open to local traffic only between Gladstone Avenue and Laurel Street until the end of November.

BIRCH STREET — Closed to all traffic except local and buses during road and sewer construction until the end of November.

OUTAOUAIS

HWY. 148 — between Hull and Aylmer is being widened causing traffic problems.

For more information call:
745-7049 (Queensway and Highways)
729-5107 (Ottawa-Carleton Regional Roads and most major roads in the area)
523-1995 (Smaller streets in Ottawa)

Local

CAS appeals for more foster homes for troubled children

By Tonda MacCharles
Citizen staff writer

The Ottawa-Carleton Children's Aid Society needs more foster parents and is appealing to area residents to take in children from troubled families.

Joseph Messner, executive director of the agency, said the demand reached crisis proportions about a week ago.

The CAS needs 20 to 30 homes immediately to relieve the burden on other parents who have taken in extra children.

Messner said there are several reasons for the shortage of foster homes.

The remuneration for foster parents isn't much of an incentive, ranging from $230 a month for infants to $320 a month for teenagers.

"People find it easier to get a job than stay at home and look after someone else's children."

More teens are in the agency's care than a few years ago, and older children are more difficult to place than infants.

More women have joined the work force in recent years and aren't available during the day to care for children.

Messner hopes seasonal goodwill spurs some offers from people that have a little extra space in their homes.

"We're looking for people who will care for a child temporarily, then be able to relinquish the child, without being critical of its natural parents or new adoptive parents," he said.

Most of the children come from troubled family backgrounds. Many have been beaten or sexually abused.

The agency has more than 400 foster homes in the region, but Messner said they've got all the children they can handle.

If the CAS has to take on more, they'll have to be put up in a hotel with a staff worker supervising.

Housing children and a staff supervisor in a hotel could run to as much as $120 a day per child, compared to about $10 to $25 a day, the normal boarding rates for children in foster homes or in emergency treatment homes.

—Fred Sherwin, Citizen

Frosty falls: The Rideau Falls, with a few snow-laden trees in the background, resembles Christmas card scene as a few warmly-bundled people look over the railing to see how sparkling clean the falls can look during winter.

Two local women named members of Order of Canada

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

A lifetime of helping people in Ottawa has earned two local women the Order of Canada.

Sister Gilberte Paquette, 62, executive director of the Elisabeth Bruyère Health Centre, and Suzanne Azzie, 60, a federal government co-ordinator of employment services for the disabled, were named Friday as members of the Order of Canada.

The Order is the country's highest honor and recognizes outstanding achievement or service.

Zbigniew Basinski, a 57-year-old physicist at the National Research Council and former Ottawa Rough Rider Anthony Golab were named as officers of the Order.

"It's hard to believe that I won an award for having human feelings for fellow beings," said Azzie. "One should feel privileged to be in a position to help people."

Azzie, an employment co-ordinator with the Public Service Commission, has helped more than 250 disabled people find jobs in the federal government.

She has also done volunteer work for the Cancer Society and the Salvation Army.

"I have spent most of my life being involved with helping people," she said. "You can't go through life and not help others."

Azzie added that her fellow workers and the disabled should share credit for the award.

"It is really an award that speaks for their achievements."

For Sister Paquette, the Order of Canada is one of several awards recognizing her work in the health care field.

She has also received recognition from Pope John Paul for coordinating health services for the Pontiff's Ottawa visit and from the Catholic Health Association of Canada for health administration.

"The best part of my life has been devoted to health care," said Sister Paquette. "I do it because it is my duty to help people."

Paquette, a former administrator with the Ottawa General Hospital, is credited by her co-workers as being the driving force behind the Elisabeth Bruyère Health Centre, which specializes in the care of senior citizens.

"There is no other person that deserves that award more," said co-worker Dr. Pierre Soucie.

Gilberte Paquette

Suzanne Azzie

Basinski, a 30-year-veteran at the National Research Council, won his award for research into the causes of metal fatigue.

The research is of "enormous" value and could have practical use in preventing fatigue or cracks in metal, especially in aircraft, said Dr. Paul Redhead, director of the NRC's physics division.

Basinski said he is pleased his research has received recognition.

Golab was honored for his careers in football, the armed forces and the public service.

Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé will present the insignia of the Order of Canada to 68 Canadians at an April 9 ceremony at Government House.

'Tis the season for good intentions — firm and fragile

By Charles Rusnell
Citizen staff writer

It's that time to sit back and reflect on New Year's resolutions that, for some of us, will last oh, maybe six weeks at the outside.

Let's face it, New Year's resolutions are like rules. They're made to be broken.

And for Ottawa celebrities, it's no different.

Ask Regional Chairman Andy Haydon.

Not surprisingly, Haydon doesn't make political New Year's resolutions, like promising to keep government spending down.

In fact, he tries not to make resolutions at all.

"I don't have a habit of making resolutions because I find that most resolutions that are made, are broken sooner or later."

Haydon does have one resolution, the same one as last year.

"I have one that's ongoing. Instead of waiting to the last minute to get things done, I will get them done ahead of time."

Ottawa Centre MP Michael Cassidy shares the same predicament as Haydon when it comes to keeping resolutions.

MacLean

"Last year at this time I wanted to take off 10 pounds. This year I want to take off 10 pounds. Unfortunately, it's the same 10 pounds."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Durrell says that during this year's mayoralty campaign he strayed from his exercise regimen.

And at Christmas he put on a lot of beef. So it's time to cut his weight and with a little luck, the city taxes.

"I've got to drop 15 pounds minimum. I've been exercising and I'll continue to do that and diet."

Durrell says he'll also switch to light beer and drink less of it.

Dickson

Ottawa's Steve MacLean, 31, who will become Canada's second astronaut in space when he takes a ride aboard the space shuttle *Columbia* in March 1987, wants to get back into a gymnasium to master a "full twisting double back," a gymnastic feat he hasn't attempted since 1980.

For those of us with a limited appreciation of gymnastics, that's two flips, head over heels, with a body twist.

MacLean wants to master it on a trampoline and then see how easy it is to do in the weightlessness of space.

Ottawa artist Jennifer Dickson wants to make her life less political.

Her resolution is to "stop worrying about Canadian culture and get on with my own art and become as good an artist as I can be with the time I have left."

Robin Easey's New Year's resolution makes others pale in comparison.

He wants to walk in 1986.

Easey's wife, Glennis, says that's pretty much the same resolution Robin had in 1985, but sixteen months after being shot in a bungled robbery, the Nepean police constable is finally making progress toward that goal.

"In the past two or three weeks he's made really good progress. His legs are much stronger and he now has partial movement.

"For Robin, it's cut and dried, he's going to walk."

Area residents stay busy, busy despite the holiday season

By Tonda MacCharles
Citizen staff writer

You may not have noticed, but Ottawa is humming with activity.

You could roll a bowling ball down the Queensway at rush hour, but Ottawans swear they're working hard.

Jamie Kyd sells swimming pools for a living. Do you think he took a holiday?

No way, he says.

People are buying pools for next spring, installing hot tubs.

Politicians and senior bureaucrats are off, but there are still papers to be shuffled.

Charles Stoll, an assistant to the deputy minister of agriculture, says: "It's a good time to catch up. There are fewer people around, and it gives you a chance to focus."

Denis Tessier, of the Energy, Mines and Resources map sales centre, is keeping busy repairing damaged display maps. The big rush on topographical maps usually starts around April, he says.

Elizabeth Knight, a reference librarian at Carleton University, admits things are not as busy as they are during exams, but says keen out-of-town students and their families visiting Ottawa for the holidays need to be shown how to use the computer catalogue.

High school secretaries are busy filing and getting organized for next week when school opens.

Ottawa city clerk's office is busy processing marriage licences, for those who think they can still beat the year-end deadline for tax breaks. (You can still get a licence, but there's a three-day wait, so if you didn't get it Friday, too bad.)

Airport ramp attendants are busy cleaning planes.

The people you expect to be busiest — florists, hair dressers and tuxedo rental shops — are going with the flow. This isn't their busiest time of year, many say. For florists, Mothers' Day is when they're swamped.

Hair dressers get the rush a couple of weeks before Christmas — so bad cuts get a chance to grow out.

Tuxedo rentals? New Year's Eve is a busy time for them, but the big season is in the summer when graduations and weddings are on the go.

Noticeboard

Thursday

Meetings

Hard of Hearing Club of Ottawa, 7:30 p.m., CRCHI, 314 Lisgar St.
Eastview-Russell Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., House of Cheung, 273 Montreal Rd., Vanier.
Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron, 6:45 p.m., Elizabeth Park Intermediate School, CFB Uplands. 737-3380.
Kiwanis Club of Sage (Seniors), 10 a.m., Miss Westgate Restaurant, 1313 Carling Ave.
Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., McNabb Community Centre, 180 Percy St. 820-5669.
TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, 7-9 p.m., Westboro Community Centre, 411 Dovercourt Ave. 729-1375 days, 728-1490 evgs.

General

Cycle '86 Convention, Ottawa Congress Centre, to Jan. 5.
Cancer Prevention Action Line Canada, free service provided for those seeking information on the integrated approach to cancer prevention and personal counselling by qualified volunteers. (819) 568-9125.
The Twin City Thrift Shop, 12-4 p.m. every Thursday. St. Luke Community Centre, Frank St.
Carleton University Peer Counselling Centre, information and referral service open to the entire Ottawa community. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. 231-7476.
Mediation Counselling Services in regard to custody and access issues available to separating and divorcing couples. 9-5 p.m. 233-8478, 725-3601, 238-6351.
Li'l Beavers Square Dance Club, 8:15 p.m., plus, Fisher Heights Public School, Coral St., Nepean. 749-3678.
Games Night, 7:30 p.m., Jewish Community Centre Library, 151 Chapel St.
Seniors Employment Bureau, for persons over 55. 238-3605.
Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, 137 John St., Carleton Place, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays.
Canada Council Art Bank, guided tours, 2 p.m. Thursdays or group appointments arranged two weeks in advance, English or French, 2279 Gladwin Cres. 237-3400, ext. 216.
University of Ottawa Student Legal Aid provides legal information to public through a community outreach and public education program, lecturing to high schools, senior citizens homes, etc. 231-5855.
International Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m., Jack Purcell Community Centre, 320 Elgin St.

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Bingos

Bingo, 12:45 p.m., St. Remi Church, 2821 Dumaurier.
Bingo,. 1 p.m., 355 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa Academy for Liberal Judaism.
Bingo, 7:15 p.m., Greely Community Centre, Parkway Road, Greely.
Bingo, 7 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion, Montgomery No. 351, 330 Kent St.
Bingo, 7 p.m., Convention Centre, 1545 Merivale Rd.
Bingo, 6:45 p.m., 175 Richmond Rd. Sponsored by Kinsmen Club of Gloucester.
Bingo, 7 p.m., Club 90, 355 St. Laurent Blvd. Assoc. for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage.
Bingo, 7:15 p.m., Overbrook Community Centre, Quill St. Optimist Club of East Ottawa.
Bingo, 7:15 p.m., Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel St.
Bingo, 7:15 p.m., St. Charles Hall, 160 Beechwood St., Vanier. Cercle Social Saint-Charles.
Bingo, 7:15 p.m., Ukrainian Hall, 1000 Byron Ave. Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
Bingo, 6:45 p.m., The Side Door, 114 Merton. Capital Civitan Club of Ottawa and Ottawa Boys and Girls Club.
Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Barrhaven Mall, 900 Greenbank Rd. Barrhaven Lions Club.
Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Strand Hall, 1265 Bank St. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church.

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Divers to celebrate wet New Year

Citizen correspondent

About 30 scuba divers will be blowing bubbles tonight instead of drinking the bubbly to welcome in the New Year.

Dave Howlett, manager of the Nepean diving shop, Alpha Dive, says he and owner Mark Hanley are organizing a New Year's Eve scuba dive in Carleton Place beneath the overpass on Bridge Street.

The event, open to any certified diver, is a fun way of bringing in the New Year, says Howlett.

The dive starts before midnight and finishes about 30 minutes later.

"This way we are the last to dive in the old year and the first to dive in the new year."

Howlett says the event started two years ago with a group of five Ottawa divers. Last year, 12 participated.

Carleton Place is not the first municipality to host such an event. Vancouver is the site of an annual New Year's Eve polar swim that attracts thousands of swimmers.

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Time to contemplate what we have

I often find New Year's Eve columns hard to write. All year long, I deal with consumer problems. At this time I pause and reflect on how few of them most of us really have.

Things are hard for some people, for sure. Many senior citizens barely get by. Many welfare mothers must worry about their next meal.

But no one starves. No one needs to die for lack of shelter. Our loved ones are rarely killed in bloody warfare. Tidal waves and earthquakes do not destroy our cities and towns.

In such places as Bangladesh and Ethiopia, the plight of millions is hopeless.

Mothers watch their children die in agony. Husbands starve so their wives may live a little longer. It often seems as if their plight becomes more futile every day.

Decent people in luckier lands do what they can to help, fearing it will never be enough. It can take away some of the joy and hope from our own festive season.

But, should it? We are, by world standards, very lucky. Should we feel a sense of guilt? I think not. I don't think good luck should ever cause unhappiness. It is, rather, something to give thanks for and to share.

But we should not let unhappiness elsewhere in the world make us feel hopeless.

We must do what we can, both privately and through our governments. There are wrong and painful things in our society, but they are not hopeless. There is no need for despair. Our social problems are not overwhelming. It just takes the will to act.

Most of our soil is still rich and fertile. Our resources produce abundant energy. Our people are mainly well-fed, clothed and housed and are strong and energetic.

We control our own destinies as much as any nation on earth and far more than most.

What we need, I think, is a national feeling that the answer to Canada's social injustices lies in Canadian hands.

There is no need for any Canadian to be destitute. Some people are going to have more than others. That's the way of a free-enterprise society, in which most of us strongly believe.

But some people do not get a fair share. Too many of us look after ourselves first, care second about the citizens of foreign lands and look on the unfortunates in our own society as nuisances who probably get what they deserve.

That is what I want to see change in 1986. The cause of giving social justice to all Canadians is not hopeless. It is not even specially difficult if we have the will.

Let's get at it. Let's talk about it. Let's think of what needs doing and demand it from our politicians who, if they know they have our support, will be delighted to follow through.

We could make Canada a shining land of justice, fair play and decency. That is the way to build a national heritage that will last.

Local

Awards surprise NRC scientist

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

Research scientist Dr. Juan Scaiano says he doesn't believe in fate.

He says it's just a coincidence that he's recently won two prestigious awards named after a scientist who once worked in the same laboratory.

Scaiano, a 40-year-old chemist at the National Research Council, has won the 1985 Steacie Prize and the 1986 Steacie Award for Photochemistry.

The awards are named after acclaimed Canadian scientist and former NRC president, Dr. Edgar W.R. Steacie, who once did his research in the lab Scaiano now uses.

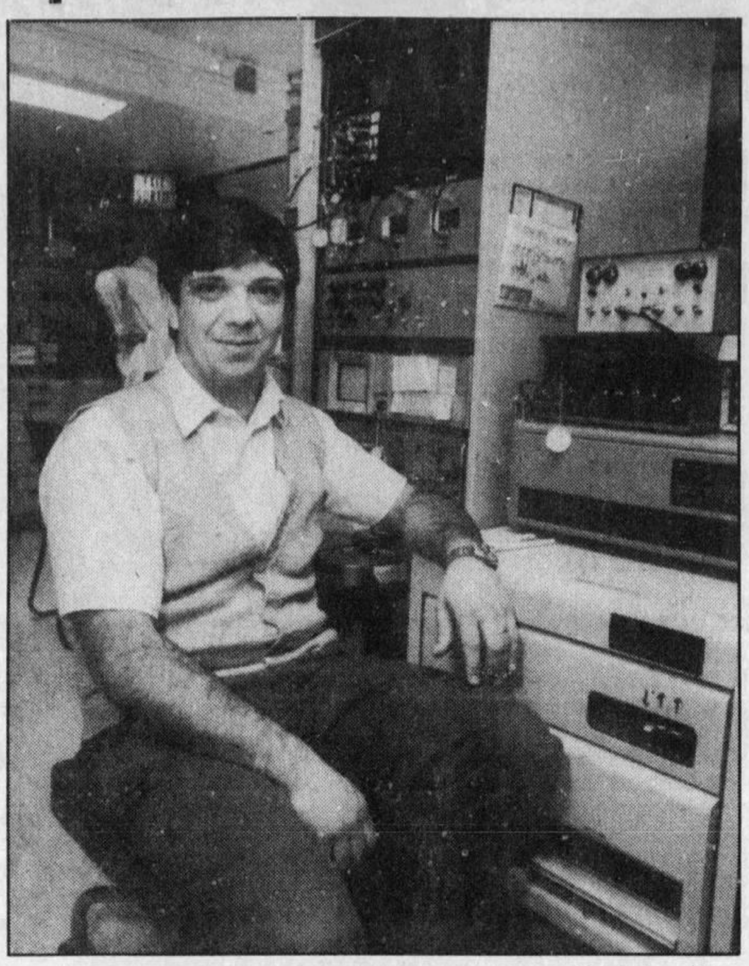
"It's just a pleasant coincidence," says Scaiano. "But the awards are a great honor considering we are both connected to the same institution and the research I'm doing is relatively close to the field Dr. Steacie worked in."

Scaiano won the awards for his research into the chemical effects of laser light on various materials, ranging from vitamin C to insecticides. He also compares his findings to the chemical reactions he gets from subjecting the same test samples to the light from a lamp.

Although he knew he was nominated for the Steacie Prize, Scaiano says he did not expect to win.

"You just sort of forget about these things and then suddenly it comes right out of the blue."

Scaiano shares the Steacie Prize with Toronto immunologist Dr. Tak Wah Mak. The $5,000 prize is awarded annually for notable contributions to research in natural sciences by someone under 40 years of age.



—Wayne Cuddington, Citizen

Scaiano believes awards were just coincidence

The other award for photochemistry was even more of a surprise for the Argentinian-born scientist.

"I received a letter about the photochemistry award and I thought I was being informed again about the Steacie Prize. Then I realized it was a totally different award. It was something I didn't expect."

This is the third time the research scientist has received an award for his work. In 1983 he won the Rutherford Medal in Chemistry from the Royal Society of Canada. This year he was named a fellow of the society.

Scaiano joined the National Research Council in 1979. He was a visiting research officer at NRC in 1975-76.

Newsletter for poor may fold due to lack of funds

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

A newsletter, described as providing a "crucial service" for Ottawa's poor, will cease publication this month unless it receives more funding.

The newsletter, produced by volunteers at the Ottawa Council for Low Income Support Services, explains how government policies will affect the poor and lists various social agencies set up to help them.

It's distributed free every two months to 4,000 impoverished families in Ottawa.

"The newsletter is a crucial service to low-income people in this city," said Elaine Desrosiers, a spokesman for the council.

Desrosiers said the council has run out of money to continue producing the newsletter and the last issue will be delivered in the second week of January unless more money is found. She said it costs about $7,000 a year to publish.

In the past, the federal and regional governments have provided money for the publication, but they won't do so any longer, said Desrosiers.

'Maniwabucks' raise funds for heritage project

By Darlene Lannigan
Citizen correspondent

MANIWAKI — Maniwabucks, crisp green $1 bills and orange $3 bills, are being sold at local banks for use as legal tender here until the end of 1986.

It's part of a drive organized by town council to raise money for the restoration of Chateau Logue for use as a cultural interpretation centre.

People can use the bills as real money to buy merchandise or services in town.

But organizers hope the funny money will be kept as souvenirs or collector's items, allowing them to keep the selling price for use in the restoration.

Town manager Michel Merleau says each $1 Maniwabuck yields 85 cents towards the project, with $3 bills bringing in $2.85.

A total of 40,000 $1 bills and 20,000 $3 bills have been printed. Merleau is hoping for a net profit of $30,000 by the end of 1986. If the drive is successful, the bills will be reprinted for sale in 1987.

The $3 Maniwabuck is orange, the $1 bill is green

The Quebec government is withholding a $200,000 subsidy until the community contributes its first $5,000 towards restoration of Chateau Logue.

Estimated cost of the work is $250,000. Half the cost must be raised locally.

The symbol of Maniwaki's 135th anniversary and its coat of arms are on the face of the bills. On the reverse side of the $1 bill is a drawing of the original Logue residence, built in 1887 as a family residence. It's been out of use for many years.

To promote Maniwaki's new airport, a drawing of a CL 215 waterbomber, used by the Outaouais conservation society to put out forest fires, is on the reverse side of the $3 bill.

Both drawings were done by local artist Jeannine Logue, who married a descendant of the original Logue family.

Ottawa police ask for help in identifying hit-and-run driver

Citizen correspondent

Ottawa police are asking for help in locating the hit-and-run driver of a vehicle that killed William James Moore Monday night.

Police say Moore, 56, was en route to a friend's house when he was hit by a bus or truck at 6:10 p.m. on the west side of Bronson Avenue near the Queensway.

Investigating officer Const. Brian Cavish said they had found no evidence at the scene to help identify the vehicle or its driver.

Police say Moore was lying on the road when he was run over and it's possible the driver of the vehicle was unaware of the accident.

Cavish requests that anyone who has seen anything contact the police at 236-0311.

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Double counting problem

When Factory Carpet Outlet sold me defective goods, they were good about offering remedies. But they did not follow through.

The rug they installed had shade lines. Factory Carpet made two suggestions — refund my deposit or install another rug, free, with no charge for labor.

I chose the second. I also picked a less-expensive carpet, on the company's promise to refund the difference in price.

They did refund but not enough. I believe that, contrary to their promise, they did charge me for labor. Should I have to pay twice for replacing a carpet that was defective from the start?

—Mrs. E. Sloan, Connery Avenue

No, you should not pay twice. You should pay once, though.

In your calculations, you double-counted the original labor charge of $100 for the first installation. There was no promise to refund for that, only to make the second installation for free.

The first carpet cost $1,517 and the second, $1,137. The difference is $380, which is the size of the cheque Factory Carpet Outlet sent you.

Replacement coin on its way

Is the Royal Canadian Mint in the habit of leaving valuable gold coins on doorsteps? If so, no wonder my commemorative coin is late.

I have been buying one coin per year since the start of the Mint's program. Last year, to my amazement, it was delivered and left on my doorstep in the usual plain wrapper.

When I told the Mint, they said it was impossible. No, it's not. Let them check their records and try to find any signed delivery slip.

The coin I ordered this year is now very late. When I phoned to enquire, the Mint said it has been delivered. To whom? The coin cost me $363. I want it.

—Jacques Labelle, Osborne Avenue

The Mint will put a tracer on the coin but they won't hold you up awaiting results. You should have another one by now.

If the first coin is found, the Mint will take it back. If not, they will seek reimbursement from their delivery service.

They are shocked at your report of a coin left outdoors last year. They will look into it and try to find out what happened.

Explanation now simple

What is wrong with the Floyd Kramer record service firm? I ordered a record from them three months ago. It has not come and they give me no explanation.

—Name withheld

Explaining it now is easy; getting the facts together rather hard. There was a rare error. You asked the company to send the record to itself.

Its headquarters are out of town but it has a telephone answering service on Metcalfe Street in Ottawa. On your order, you mixed-up the addresses. Instead of yours, you gave the Metcalfe Street location.

No one at head office noticed and the Kramer firm shipped the record to Metcalfe Street. As it bore your name, the answering service tried to find you. The Ottawa-Hull phone book lists eight people with the same last name as yours. The answering service called them all.

They drew eight blanks. You do not live in Ottawa. You live in a small town to the east, covered by a different phone book.

The record is still at Metcalfe Street waiting for you to pick it up.

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Private bill may speed Hull development

By Jack Aubry
Citizen staff writer

Hull MNA Gilles Rocheleau intends to introduce a private member's bill in March to help speed the construction of a $157-million commercial and residential project in Hull.

Rocheleau

Rocheleau, the new minister of supplies and services, said the bill may be necessary to clearly establish the deed of property of a school on the site of the Kent Street project.

The condominium-hotel development has been delayed because investors have been unable to obtain a $3-million bank loan to buy Notre-Dame elementary school because the original deed to the building was destroyed in a fire in 1900.

Glen Kealey, president of Managers' Institute of Communicating Office Technologies (MICOT), said investors couldn't get the loan because the deed no longer exists.

The private member's bill would establish that the school was owned by the school board.

A similar bill was introduced in the National Assembly in 1974 establishing the deeds for the Place du Centre and Palais du Congres in Hull.

Micot failed to meet the Dec. 16 deadline to buy the school from the Outaouais-Hull School Commission. The 360 students at Notre-Dame school will remain at the school until at least next summer.

Kealey added, however, that he expects to have financing lined up by the end of January that would make the loan and the private member's bill unnecessary.

He said excavation for the project could begin March 1 on other parts of the downtown Hull site after the interim financing, probably with an American bank, is lined up.

Construction on the part of the site containing the school will be delayed until summer to avoid disruption of classes.

The school takes up about one third of the site.

Kealey intends to build a 12-storey base with two 10-storey circular towers. One of the towers will contain 248 hotel rooms, the other will house 88 condominiums.

Rocheleau said the project would create more than 1,500 jobs.

Tenants will have access to MICOT mainframe computers which will allow small and medium-size businesses to share office services.

Local foster mother of six urges others to help out

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

Every time the Slocums are asked how many children they have, they give a different answer.

Sometimes it's just two, or perhaps four.

Right now, it's eight and, if the Children's Aid Society can't find anyone else to help, the foster parents may end up with 11 children: their own two and nine others who need a stable — if not exactly peaceful — place to stay.

The Slocums have six foster children from four to 14 years old at their Osgoode home now but they say they'd take in three more if they had to.

The CAS has 320 Ottawa-area foster homes with up to 500 beds, but 20 children are still waiting for foster homes.

"There is a real need out there for more foster parents," says Marilyn, a 39-year-old author of children's books.

"A lot of foster families are having to take in more than one child and that is not fair to either the child or the family."

The Slocums are a short-term foster family. The children they take into their home could stay one week to nine months while CAS workers find them more permanent foster homes or send them back to their natural parents.

"Not everyone has this many children," explains Marilyn. "We have this many by choice."

Many people, she says, have a wrong impression of foster children. Not all come from neglectful families or have been abused.

Many have parents who are sorting out problems or trying to get back on their feet financially.

"They're just normal kids," she says. "And they need to be seen that way."

Jocelyne, 51, thought foster families were only for abused or neglected children when her family doctor first suggested she contact the CAS about her mentally-handicapped nine-year-old boy.

Jocelyne, who has three other children, felt she couldn't properly take care of her son.

The CAS put the boy in a special foster home with four other mentally-handicapped children. Now 15, he enjoys living with his foster family and still sees his natural family regularly, says Jocelyne.

Joan Portigal, director of placement services for the CAS in Ottawa, says they particularly need parents for children under four and they hope to interest older single women in taking infants or preschoolers.

Portigal says widowed or divorced women who are at home during the day would be ideal candidates for becoming foster parents for the younger children.

NCC seeks new solutions to nude sunbathing problem

By Jack Aubry
Citizen staff writer

The National Capital Commission has decided not to appeal a court ruling against its bylaw controlling nude sunbathers in the Gatineau Park and will try to develop other solutions to the problem.

Ian Barrie, spokesman for the NCC, said the commission will reevaluate its position on nude sunbathers during the next few months.

"We are not going to appeal and it's still premature to speculate what we will do next."

He said officials will consult with the commission's lawyers to find another solution.

The NCC introduced a policy in 1984 that tolerated nudists around the secluded Carbide-Wilson mill on Meech Lake. Signs were posted in the area warning: "You may encounter nudists in this area."

However, a Hull Superior Court judge upheld a court ruling in November that said the NCC didn't have the power to pass a bylaw controlling nude sunbathing and should have relied on the Criminal Code to prosecute nudists.

Nudist Kevin Hogan, 27, of Ottawa, was also acquitted of a charge of disobeying an NCC sign that said persons must wear a bathing suit as minimum attire.

He had been charged in June, 1984 while sunbathing nude on a small beach on the north end of Meech Lake.

Michael Vais, spokesman for the Federation of Quebec Naturists, said the NCC should establish a beach in the park for nudists that the federation would promote, police and maintain.

He said the mill site is inadequate.

"A beach is needed that is suitable for senior citizens, children and families. It shouldn't be far from a road either."

Vais said the mill spot attracts mostly homosexual men and voyeurs, rather than true nudists.

Doug Minnes, mayor of West Hull, said he expects the NCC to find another way of keeping nudists in the Carbide-Wilson mill area.

He said there are no other spots on Meech Lake that are private enough for nudists.

Minnes said if necessary, the NCC should enforce the Criminal Code to keep nudists in the mill area.

Workers' petition prompts study of air quality in Caplan building

By April Lindgren
Citizen staff writer

The temperature and humidity of air in the Caplan building will be monitored beginning next week after complaints about ill health from Canada Employment and Immigration office workers.

Sixty-six of the approximately 140 department employees in the Rideau Street building have signed a petition complaining about air quality and circulation in the leased office space.

Problems cited ranged from fatigue and eye irritation to headaches and sore throats.

At a meeting Dec. 20, Public Works Canada agreed to monitor the temperature and humidity of the three-storey building to pinpoint any problems, said spokesman Ed Saumure.

Employees who signed the petition complained particularly about extreme fluctuations of temperature in the building.

Saumure said the owner of the building, Ottawa House Furnishings Ltd., has agreed to bring in engineers and make any necessary improvements if problems are discovered.

The building was renovated in April 1985 and some fine tuning of the air circulation system may be required, Saumure said.

Dorothy Reed, president of Local 630 of the Public Service Alliance, which represents employment and immigration workers in the building, said employees have adopted a "wait and see" attitude until the test results become available from Public Works.

Saumure said he did not know how long it will take.

Employees of CUSO, the other major tenant in the building, complained about poor air circulation and temperature fluctuations this past summer but those problems have been resolved, said George Caplan, building manager for Ottawa House Furnishings.

CUSO spokesman David Kardish said a long-term study monitoring air quality and circulation is under way.

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Definitions at root of problem

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I asked for a refund of my pension contributions. I was told they are locked in; I cannot get any money until I am 65. Why?

—Name withheld

It is based on the definitions of "casual" and "part-time" employees. Like eagles and buzzards, they may sometimes look similar from a distance but up close they are not the same.

Let us consider part-time employees first. Those over 45, who have made pension contributions for more than 10 years, are locked in. They cannot get their money out.

It is not their employer's fault. It is the law of the province, set out in the Ontario Pension Benefits Act.

You come under both conditions — a bit over 45 and a contributor for 11 years.

That would not be so if you spent your first years as a casual employee. Contributions by casuals do not count toward the 10-year lock-in. Your total time of contributing would be under the 10-year limit.

But were you a casual? Not in the opinion of your employer or the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Board. They define "casual" as working a few days at a time in certain periods of the year. But, they say, someone who works regularly, such as three days per week for a year, is part-time.

They say they must stick by their decision. You would need a court order to force them to change their stand and, while expense is guaranteed, success is anything but.

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Local

—John Major, Citizen

Cleanup officials say acid levels in the water around the rail containers are not high enough to affect marine life

Safety group urges inquiry into CP train derailment

By April Lindgren
Citizen staff writer

SHARBOT LAKE — A citizens' railway safety group called Friday for a public inquiry into Tuesday's train derailment, as cleanup officials reported success in containing partially-sunken cargo containers filled with an acidic chemical.

Harold Morrison, chairman of the M-TRAC Rail Safety Organization, said: "This is a frightening wreck and I have a feeling there's a lot more (to it) than what you see."

Although the Canadian Transport Commission has announced an official investigation into the derailment of a CP freight train carrying more than 80 tonnes of hydrogen sulphate at Sucker Lake west of Perth, Morrison says a full-fledged public inquiry is needed.

He said he is "concerned about the speed of the train and how it was being operated on New Year's Eve" and questioned how safe it was to have 12 locomotives on a train.

M-TRAC, which stands for the Metro Toronto Residents' Action Committee, was formed by 25 community groups in Toronto after the 1979 Mississauga train wreck.

CTC spokesman Evan Browne said public inquiries are reserved for fundamental policy issues affecting rail traffic across the country.

CTC officials and the provincial environment ministry also said Friday it is unlikely any charges will be laid in connection with the incident.

Meanwhile, cleanup crews at the wreck site, about 120 kilometres southwest of Ottawa, said Friday the cost of the accident and cleanup could run as high as $12 million.

Thirty-five cars and eight locomotives are crumpled along a rail line flanked by a rock cut and the lake.

After earlier attempts to build a sand and gravel dike failed, workers managed Friday to build a plywood retaining wall around two cargo containers filled with hydrogen sulphate that crashed into the lake.

The plywood wall, sunk about one metre into the lake bottom, is a precautionary measure should the cardboard and plastic barrels in the rail container begin to leak.

Stan Kaplan, the Canadian Transport Commission's director of dangerous goods, said Friday the water under one of the partially submerged rail containers showed a slight acidity but levels were normal in other parts of the lake.

Kaplan said one or two barrels inside the rail container may have burst during the derailment, sending a spray of powder over other derailed cars and in the immediate vicinity of the chemical containers.

He said the acid levels were not enough to affect any form of life in the lake.

If all goes according to plan, the containers will be hauled gently out of the lake on Tuesday, he said.

Cleanup crews are also struggling to soak up thousands of litres of diesel fuel oil which seeped onto about 450 metres of frozen lake.

By late Friday afternoon, about 5,000 gallons of oil had been removed from the lake surface by cleanup crews using sponges to soak up the oil and shovels to scrape off the surface layers of ice, slush and oil.

Kaplan said test holes dug into the ice showed no oil was getting into the lake.

Glenn Swanson, CP's general manager of operations for the eastern region, said the train was travelling within the regulation speed of 45 to 50 miles an hour for unpopulated areas.

Workers wring out sponges used to absorb fuel

Aldermen retreat on tax bill update, seek compromise

By Jacquie Miller
Citizen staff writer

Some Ottawa aldermen are backpeddling on their decision to stick with out-of-date property assessments rather than face the political fallout of massive tax increases.

They now say they want to work out a compromise so tax bills won't change so drastically if 1980 assessments are used to calculate the bills, rather than the 1975 figures used now.

The previous council had agreed in principle to update the assessments but that was scrapped at a closed meeting Dec. 23 when councillors realized some homeowners' bills would go up as much as $1,200 while others would decrease by as much as $900. The average property tax bill last year was $1,800.

Aldermen Jamie Fisher and Darrel Kent say staff may be able to come up with a compromise formula to update property values. Fisher suggests the change could be made in 1987 if the province agrees.

Mayor Jim Durrell says he'll meet with Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaître to discuss the issue, since the province does the assessments.

Ontario should work out a modified assessment formula so that any large tax hikes will be phased in gradually, he said.

Eventually, the province should update property values yearly, Durrell said. Now the province updates property values every four years.

For now, 1986 Ottawa property taxes will continue to be calculated using 1975 property values, rather than the most recent 1980 values.

Durrell says most councillors agree with the principle that taxes should be based on the value of the property, but are worried about needy long-time residents in newly-fashionable neighborhoods who can't afford large tax increases.

Across the city, about 64 per cent of homeowners would have seen their taxes rise or fall by less than 10 per cent, or $180.

Even if Ottawa came up with a compromise assessment formula, it would have to get permission from the province to use it.

Without that permission, Ottawa can't change assessment until 1989, when the 1984 property values will be complete, said provincial assessment officer Gerry Meredith.

The province, which does the assessments, wanted an answer by mid-January, in time for the 1986 tax year.

Capital Ward Ald. Robin Quinn, whose constituents would have an average tax increase of $208 a year under the re-assessment, says he wants more information on how the province evaluates property.

"We have to have a fair system of assessing taxes. But the one we've got seems to produce some rather startling fluctuations and always to be out of date."

The meeting, which was closed to the public on Durrell's orders, apparently violated council's own policy about freedom of information.

It states meetings must be open to the public unless they concern personnel or contract items, information that would harm the city's financial interests or result in an unfair competitive advantage.

Several councillors now say they realize the meeting should have been open to the public. Durrell says his decision to close the meeting to the public was a "judgment call." He said the meeting was opened up for a short debate and the vote.

Each municipality that calculates taxes based on property values can choose whether to use the latest property value statistics.

Nepean and Gloucester, for instance, are still using 1975 property values to calculate taxes. Gloucester has asked the province for a study to find out the effect of switching to 1980 values.

RCMP shooting inquest delayed

By Jack Aubry
Citizen staff writer

The coroner's inquest into the Dec. 27 shooting death of RCMP Const. Mario Tessier has been remanded until next Tuesday.

Material witness André L'Heureux, 21, of Hull, appeared briefly before coroner Charles Letellier Friday.

Letellier ordered that L'Heureux continue to be held on a coroner's warrant until the inquest is held.

Letellier said the delay was permitted after both the Crown and L'Heureux's lawyer requested more time to prepare for the inquest, held to determine whether anyone is criminally responsible for Tessier's death.

The RCMP officer was shot in the head on Hwy. 50 in eastern Gatineau, apparently after stopping to help a stranded motorist.

L'Heureux, who has given Gatineau police a statement about the incident, is being detained at the Hull prison.

Centenarian's best present is return of wallet, photos

By David Pugliese
Citizen correspondent

Napoléon Bélair received one of the best presents ever for his 100th birthday on Friday.

It wasn't the traditional birthday greeting from the prime minister or from the Queen.

Nor was it having friends and relatives gather for a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday*.

For the Island Lodge nursing home resident, it was the return of his wallet, lost five years ago and containing irreplaceable pictures of himself as a young man.

"The staff at the lodge found it on the second floor," says Bélair, better known to his friends as Paul. "This is the best present I could get. I was so happy I almost cried."

While some of the 80 people that came to the lodge to share in Bélair's birthday celebration may have shed a few tears, the still-handsome centenarian remained calm and joked about his day in the limelight.

"Do I look good?" he asked, as flashbulbs went off and a television camera crew moved closer.

Bélair, who was born in nearby Carlsbad Springs, credits honest hard work as his secret for staying young.

"I went to work when I was 12 years old," he says. "I always put in a hard day of work. That's what the doctor says keeps me alive today."

Bélair worked for 55 years at the Davidson lumber yard, formerly on Wellington Street. As a foreman there, he was in charge of a team of horses that pulled logs 140 km from Fort Coulonge to Ottawa.

The starting wage then was a respectable 90 cents a day and Bélair says one of the proudest moments of his life was the time he was given a 10-cent-a-day raise.

"I earned every penny of it."

Bélair says his 100 years have treated him well.

He and his wife, Doralda, now deceased, had six children. The pride of his life, his family, has continued to grow to include 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

His only complaint in his 100 years of living?

At 97, he had to stop bowling because of a broken hip.

Now he just takes it easy talking to fellow residents at the nursing home where he has lived for the last 14 years.

"Just being with my friends and family is as much as I can ask for," he says. "I feel great."

Napoléon Bélair
Only complaint: no more bowling

Thief returns priceless, 2,400-year-old Greek vase to university

By Dennis Foley
Citizen staff writer

Perhaps moved by Christmas spirit, a thief has returned the 2,400-year-old Greek vase he stole from the University of Ottawa in March, foiling its complex alarm system.

Following an anonymous tip, the vase was found undamaged two days before Christmas on a desk in Simard Hall where it had been on display until stolen.

"It wasn't gift-wrapped, but we didn't mind," said Jean Lefebvre, administrative officer for the Faculty of Art.

"It was an unfortunate incident. But he was a good thief, a Christmas thief."

The 16-inch Attic vase crafted in the time of Pericles was purchased in London in the late 1970s by a university classical studies professor. After cleaning, it was locked in a vault with other classical treasures and brought out only for exhibitions.

The case in which it was placed for viewing had half-inch glass, two locks and an alarm system. The thief managed to snap both locks and flee with the vase before guards responded to the ringing alarm.

Lefebvre said the vase was conservatively valued at $10,000 but that its historical value was immeasurable.

University security personnel, responding to an anonymous telephone call, found the vase wrapped in a garbage bag on a professor's desk in a classroom two floors above the floor on which it had been displayed.

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Mediator tries to avert parole strike

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

A mediator will make a final attempt Thursday to avert a strike by federal parole officers and counsellors.

But the officers, along with welfare counsellors who help administer programs for Veterans Affairs Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs, will likely be on the picket line as early as Monday, says Public Service Alliance vice-president Albert Burke.

"I'm not too optimistic we'll settle because we're so far apart on the issues," he said Monday.

Pay and hours of work are the major issues in the dispute between the 1,500 federal employees and the Treasury Board.

A conciliation board report released Monday couldn't find an area of settlement between the two groups.

Mediator Ken Strike will meet with both sides Thursday in Ottawa, Burke said.

He said if there is a strike it will be up to police to monitor an estimated 9,000 parolees.

But Dennis Finlay, a spokesman for the Correctional Service of Canada, said managers will handle parolee supervision. He said about 3,000 parolees, in halfway houses operated under contract by social agencies such as the Salvation Army, would not be affected by a strike. That would leave about 6,000 to monitor.

One of the main goals for the union is to close a 14-per-cent wage gap between its members and provincial parole officers.

Meanwhile, a conciliation board was expected to continue meeting today to try to settle a dispute between the federal government and crew members on Coast Guard, search and rescue, and Fisheries and Oceans vessels. Talks were continuing late Monday.

Burke said the 2,500 alliance members on the ships would be in a legal strike position by mid-November.

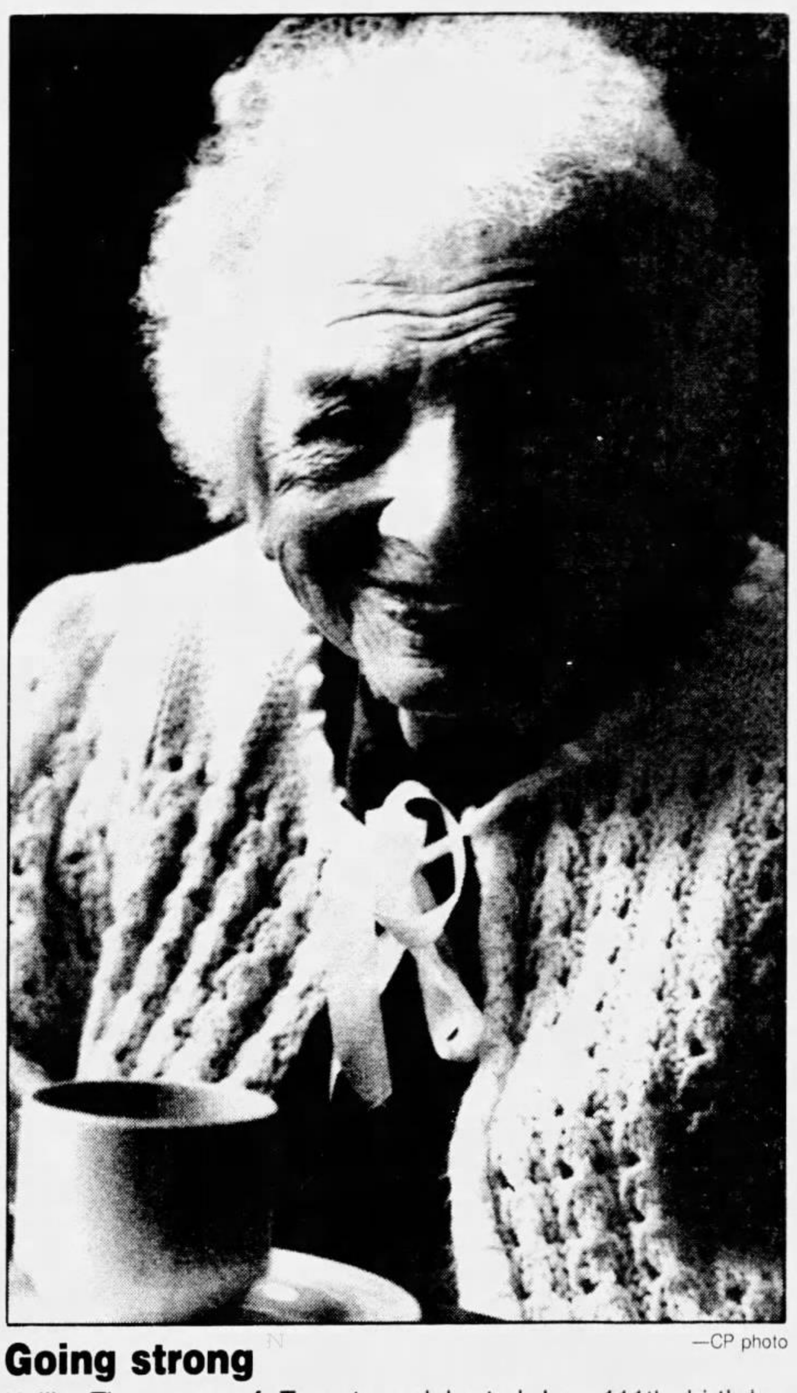
Hydro Quebec strike cancelled

MONTREAL (CP) — Hydro-Quebec's 14,000 unionized employees called off a one-day strike scheduled to begin at noon today.

The Essential Services Council, which assures essential services are maintained during public-service strikes, told the union Monday that in case of a strike 11,000 workers would have to remain on the job.

"We're going to stay at work and ask all our members to stay at work . . . ," a union negotiator said.

The union will continue working to rule.



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Going strong

Nellie Thompson of Toronto celebrated her 111th birthday Saturday with her family. She is believed to be the oldest person in Canada. Thompson lived during the terms of all but one prime minister, and was married in 1907.

Hiring therapists pays off, health group tells employers

By Sharon Kirkey
Citizen staff writer

Not enough Canadian employers use occupational therapists to help employees who have been injured on the job return to work, says the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.

"The pay-off for employers who take advantage of an occupational therapist's expertise is substantial in terms of accident prevention, reduced absenteeism and increased productivity," says association president Thelma Gill.

About one million Canadians are injured in work-related accidents every year. About 1,000 die.

Less than three per cent of the association's 4,500 members are employed by companies. Most work in rehabilitation centres, hospitals, schools and community-based social service centres.

According to Statistics Canada, Canadian businesses and taxpayers spend almost $3 billion a year on occupational accidents. The cost includes rehabilitation, compensation and sick leave.

Lidia Darolfi, occupational therapist at steel-maker Dofasco Inc., in Hamilton, said the company's extensive occupational rehabilitation program has helped almost 70 per cent of 211 workers who suffered injuries in the past three years return to work.

Darolfi was speaking to a workshop for about 60 occupational therapists, health-care professionals and employers to help mark Occupational Therapy Week, which began Monday.

Occupational therapists help people cope with physical injury, illness and emotional problems.

Darolfi said therapists can also help identify unsafe work sites to help prevent accidents, and provide educational programs aimed at teaching employees safe work habits.

Tridel paid fees to charity, lawyer tells Starr inquiry

TORONTO (CP) — Tridel Corp. paid a charity once headed by Patricia Starr more than $100,000 in consulting fees, the giant developer's lawyer told a public inquiry Monday.

Earl Cherniak said an October 1985 cheque for $53,000 from Tridel made up most of the $60,000 promised to the National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto section) for its role in getting provincial approval for a non-profit housing project being built by Tridel.

Cherniak also referred to another $46,000 paid to the charity over the next "two or more years." But he said there was nothing improper about them.

The inquiry is examining links between Starr, a former Liberal fundraiser, Tridel and politicians and officials. Starr is alleged to have directed more than $90,000 from a charitable foundation she headed to 25 politicians.

Cherniak introduced evidence of Tridel's payments ot the charity in his second day of cross-examining Betty Stone, a former executive director of the council's Toronto section who was fired in 1987.

"The suggestion has been made by this witness that the consulting fees that were paid were in some way being used for political contributions to be made by the National Council of Jewish Women for Tridel," Cherniak said.

"You'll see that these invoices are for consulting fees. I think it is extremely important to get on the record exactly what it was the (council) was doing throughout this period to justify (it)."

In addition to the $106,000 consulting fees, Cherniak cited $5,500 in legal fees repaid to the charity and a $4,401 reimbursement for a ground-breaking reception when construction began on a housing project sponsored by the charity.

Meanwhile, lawyers for Tridel, Starr and two others affected by the inquiry said they will appear before the Ontario Court of Appeal on Nov. 6 in a final bid to stop the inquiry or limit its terms of reference.

They will be seeking leave to appeal a ruling last month by the Ontario Supreme Court, which found that inquiry head Justice Lloyd Houlden could proceed without violating the rights of any of the parties involved.

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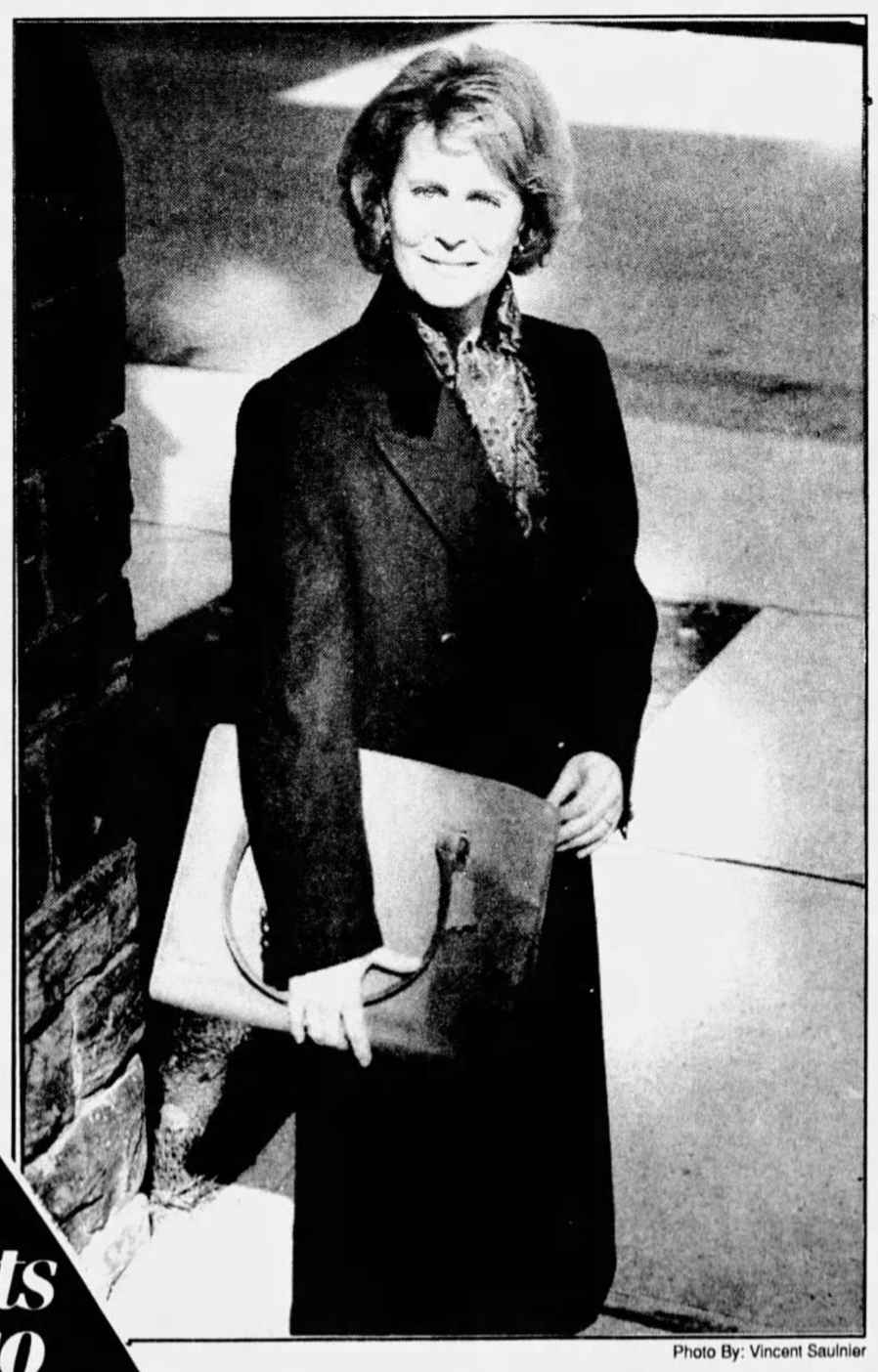

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Students want college teachers back in the classroom

By David Pugliese and Tom Spears
Citizen staff writers

Algonquin College students want teachers to return to work immediately, even if that means a legislated end to their strike, a student leader said Wednesday.

"Students are for whatever it takes to get the teachers on the job," said Mike Beard, vice-president of Algonquin College's student association.

During a 1984 walkout, college teachers were legislated back to work after 17 days.

Sandra Licari, a first-year nursing student, is afraid the strike will threaten her academic year. She wants bargaining to resume.

"Everyone's just sitting and it infuriates me," she said Wednesday. "My life's slipping through my fingers. I hate being a pawn, and that's what we (students) are."

Licari and some fellow students have telephoned MPPs and the college's administration, but she said their pleas for a quick end to the strike haven't worked. She believes students should hold a rally in Ottawa or at Queen's Park to press for a settlement.

A *Citizen* survey of local MPPs Wednesday found Liberal politicians favor the bargaining table as the means to end the dispute.

The area's only Conservative member, Carleton MPP Norm Sterling, wants back-to-work legislation enacted immediately.

Legislation won't deal with the labor issues that have been outstanding since the 1984 dispute, said Charles Pascal, a spokesman for the Council of Regents, the province-wide body that runs the colleges. He said it's time both sides learn to settle their differences without government interference.

"It was that interference in '84 that ignored the issues and put us into this fix now."

The president of the local teachers' union, Stan Goldner, agrees but said the union isn't afraid of back-to-work legislation.

Goldner said the key issues are salaries, job security and threats to sick leave.

The union has already rejected an offer of annual wage increases of six per cent in each year of a two-year contract. It wants 10.3 per cent in the first year.

Goldner said the strike would have to last more than four weeks before the school year would be affected. After the 1984 walkout, lost time was made up in late December and during the students' February break.

If the dispute lasts more than a month, students will likely have to attend classes in the summer. That would hurt their chances at summer employment, jeopardizing their future education, Beard said.

He said the student association will hold a protest rally Tuesday at the college's Woodroffe campus.

Meanwhile, the teachers' union is asking the public to boycott continuing education classes at Algonquin. The classes haven't been affected by the strike as most are taught by non-union instructors, said Goldner.

An estimated 50,000 part-time students are enrolled in continuing education.

Indian summer welcome, whatever origins

But most morning flights grounded again today

By David Scanlan
Citizen staff writer

It's Indian summer: mild, hazy mornings and sunny days are expected at least through the weekend, with highs reaching 22 degrees.

But just what does Indian summer mean?

Experts agree on the gentle weather that accompanies Indian summer, but disagree wildly on the origins of the term.

Indian summer — if it comes at all — must follow at least one killing frost, usually in late October or early November. It's usually the result of stagnant warm air that is trapped near the earth.

The morning haze we're seeing this week is the result of pollutants and moisture that can't escape. The fog is burned off during the days, which will be sunny and warm, and the air still.

The fog creates problems for airlines. Again this morning, Ottawa International Airport reported several flight delays and cancellations.

These pleasant days are the last gasps of summer, but where do the Indians come in?

The Glossary of Meteorology dates the term to the late 18th century. It says American Indians took advantage of the warm weather to gather extra winter stores.

They considered it a gift of a favorite god, Cautantowwit, the god of the Southwest.

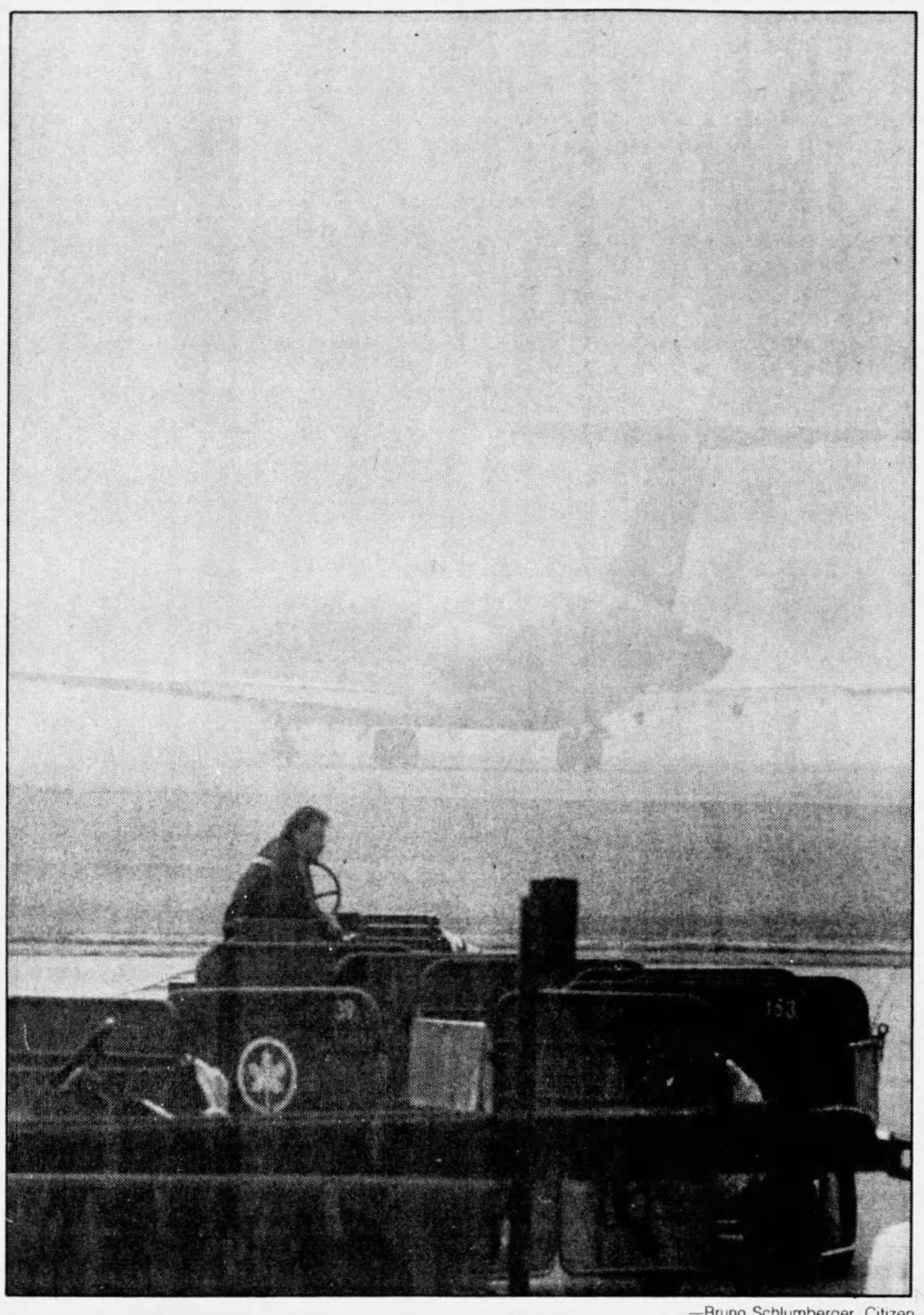
Another theory says the term was coined by American settlers, because the wise Indians told them to expect this unseasonably mild weather.

A more outrageous explanation is that the war-loving Indians used the time to launch more attacks on the American settlers, before winter.

Richard Line, of Environment Canada, said North American settlers figured the haze of Indian summer was caused by the natives' open fires.

And what do the Indians make of all this? Whereas a term such as Indian giver has a perjorative connotation, Indian summer is a pleasant tribute to native people, said Liz Thunder, spokesman for the Assembly of First Nations.

"It's a beautiful time of year," she said,



—Bruno Schlumberger, Citizen

Flights again were delayed or cancelled because of fog

Snow dump sites may cost $10M

By Doug Yonson
Citizen staff writer

The region expects to spend $10 million to buy nine permanent snow dump sites outside the greenbelt.

The region's transportation committee was told Wednesday a $311,000 year-long study has identified 22 sites that could serve as permanent snow dumps in Kanata, Stittsville, Orleans, Leitrim and Barrhaven.

From this group, the department plans to buy nine sites in the next five years.

Three would be developed and in operation by 1993 and the other six would be opened as needed up to 2011.

The region currently has five permanent snow dumps, all inside the greenbelt: on Clyde Avenue, Hunt Club Road in Nepean, Conroy Road, Industrial Avenue and beside the Green Creek sewage treatment plant.

It also uses six sites on a year-by-year basis. All local municipalities also haul snow from their roads to the regional sites and pay usage fees.

New permanent sites are needed beyond the greenbelt to meet current needs and to reduce hauling costs, said James Becking, the department's operations manager.

The region has set aside $10.3 million in 1989 to clear its roads of snow. Haulage makes up 80 per cent of that cost.

Becking said all nine sites should be bought in the near future to prevent them from being used for other purposes as the areas are developed.

In 1989 dollars, the land for all nine sites is expected to cost $10 million. It will cost an additional estimated $13.5 million over 20 years to develop them with access roads, raised earth barriers and ground covers to control drainage. About $4.5 million of that will be spent to develop three of the sites in the next five years.

Becking said none of the 22 possible sites is adjacent to existing or planned residential communities, but industrial areas are suitable areas for snow dumps. Staff of the local municipalities have reviewed each site and approved their use as snow dumps, he said.

The region will discuss the sites with local councils in the next few weeks and seek their agreement for the overall plan, Becking said.

Becking said the public will learn the location of particular sites only when staff seeks the approval of Regional Council to buy the land after making a conditional offer.

GST denounced

Citizen staff

More than 250 people packed Broadview Public School's gymnasium Wednesday night to denounce the proposed federal Goods and Services Tax.

Ottawa West MP Marlene Catterall, who called the meeting as part of her campaign against the nine-per-cent tax, said she "did not hear one voice in support of the GST."

Residents heard from a panel of businessmen and community group members who offered predictions of the tax's effect on the economy and social services.

Catterall said officials from the federal finance department declined an invitation to attend the meeting.

Diabetes group to cash in on oranges

Citizen staff

There will be oranges all over Ottawa next month as the Canadian Diabetes Association kicks off its annual campaign to raise funds for diabetes research.

The Ottawa branch will hand out oranges (for a minimum $1 donation) on Parliament Hill, in malls and in the stands during a Rough Riders game as it tries to raise $150,000.

Why oranges?

Diabetics who can control the disease without insulin eat oranges when their blood sugar drops too low, said Tony LaBossiere, a spokesman for the association.

Those who do use insulin also use oranges, he said. They learn to inject the drug by practicing on the skin of the orange.

Diabetes Month starts Nov. 1, when students will go to Parliament Hill to hand out oranges as MPs arrive for the 2 p.m. sitting, he said.

On Nov. 5, more students will hand out oranges at the Riders' last home game and ask for donations.

The campaign will include soliciting by mail and, on the evening of Nov. 13, volunteers will do a door-to-door blitz of homes.

Nov. 25, there's a one-day workshop at the RA Centre, where real clowns will teach mime, juggling, card tricks, balloon art and all the basics of clowning. The workshop costs $20 (bring a deck of cards, old clothes and your own lunch) for those aged 16 and up.

Ottawa may offer residents composters at reduced cost

Citizen staff

Ottawa's community services committee Wednesday recommended offering plastic composters to residents at a fraction of the price charged by stores.

City council will be asked Nov. 1 to approve selling up to 7,000 composters to the public at $15 each. Normally, plastic composters at garden centres would cost $100, said David Curry, acting commissioner of engineering and works.

Home composting will reduce the volume of vegetable and garden waste taken to the dump. The city expects to buy composters in volume at about $50 each.

The province will pay half the bill, leaving the city and homeowners to pick up the difference. Any "profit" Ottawa makes will go toward buying more composters, Curry said.

Ottawa's proposed project is modelled after a home composting program offered this year by Toronto. There, the city bought 12,000 perforated plastic boxes with tight-fitting lids and trap doors for as little as $43 each.

The composters measure about a metre square.

If approved by council, city staff will ask residents to write to the city to have their names put on a waiting list.

COMMUNITIES

KANATA

Illegal dump prompts city to block trail

City officials are considering blocking access to a rural Kanata nature trail following the discovery last week of an illegal dump on the route.

Kanata city engineer John Harkness said household appliances, roofing materials, furniture, tires and other garbage was found along an unmaintained section of Second Line Road about 100 metres south of Klondike Road.

City crews will clean up the garbage as soon as possible, he said. Access to both ends of the path at Klondike Road will then be temporarily blocked with either a ditch or earth barrier.

The unused section of Second Line Road, while not an official city route, runs through a conservation area and is often used by off-road and four-wheel drive vehicles. It is to be reopened and paved by 1994.

REGION

University officials will meet students

Students of area high school and their parents will get a chance to meet with university representatives next week.

Two sessions, Wednesday night at Sir Robert Borden High School on Greenbank Road in Nepean, and the following night at Lester B. Pearson High School on Jasmin Crescent in Gloucester, have been planned as part of "Careers in Focus Month." Both run from 7 to 9 p.m.

The sessions are designed by guidance counsellors at all five area school boards to help students make better career decisions. Ontario university liaison officers will be on hand.

Career information programs, including guest speakers and classroom lectures will continue for the rest of the month.

Wayne Hiebert, Citizen

Dig in

Leslie Hurd, left, and Jose Rubio, both six, wield new shovels Wednesday to turn the sod on the site of a new Catholic elementary school. The OSSB expects the school on Lorry Greenberg Drive at the corner of Bramblegrove, to open in September.

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The Communities column is co-ordinated by reporter Dave Rogers. To let us know what's happening in your community, call him at 596-3565 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Or, you can write to Communities at the Citizen, 1101 Baxter Rd., Box 5020, Ottawa, K2C 3M4.

RIVERVIEW

Environmentalists to form committee

The Riverview Community Environmental Action Group will hold an organizing meeting Wednesday at Riverview Public School, 260 Knox Rd.

Susan Robertson said the group hopes to attract residents interested in increasing recycling efforts and decreasing the use of toxic pesticides at the neighborhood level.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting, sponsored by the Riverview Community School Council, is open to all area residents.

GLOUCESTER

Neighborhood Watch in housing project

The Vietnamese Non-Profit housing project on Cummings Avenue joins the Gloucester Neighborhood Watch program today .

Gloucester Police Sgt. Andy Zmijewski said the addition of the project to Neighborhood Watch is a special victory for the program, now in more than 60 neighborhoods across the city.

Break-ins and vandalism fall by at least 18 per cent in most watches, said Zmijewski. "We can almost guarantee that if a community gets involved in Neighborhood Watch, we will see a decline in crime."

Convincing multicultural and ethnic communities to join the crime reduction effort has been one of the program's biggest challenges because of cultural and language barriers.

SERVING CITIZENS

Candidates sought for volunteer awards

Non-profit community groups have until Dec. 15 to nominate candidates for the annual Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

The awards recognize five, 10 and 15 years of continuous voluntary service by members of community organizations. Groups eligible to make nominations include museums and historical clubs, newcomer and settlement services, and multicultural and native associations.

The awards, which honor more than 3,000 individuals across the province each year, are sponsored by the ministries of citizenship and culture. Fifteen awards for extraordinary volunteer work are also presented each year to individuals or groups as a whole.

Nomination forms are available at ministry offices on the 11th floor of One Nicholas Street.

Region gives Canlands developers $48,000 'freebie'

By Charles Rusnell
Citizen staff writer

Regional Council Wednesday wrote off a $48,000-a-year land lease with the Canlands developer.

Perez Corp. and Citicom Inc. are developing the prime site in downtown Ottawa.

The development requires that lanes on Metcalfe and O'Connor streets, which are owned by the region, be permanently closed to provide access to a parking garage.

Regional staff recommended the developer be charged $10 a square foot for the space. That's roughly 10 per cent of the average for retail space in downtown Ottawa and would generate $48,000 a year for the region's coffers.

But council voted to lease the land to the developer for a nominal fee of $1 a year.

That angered Ottawa Ald. Darrel Kent who accused some of his fellow councillors of handing out a "freebie" to the developer.

"It is absolutely inappropriate to confer a public benefit on a private-sector developer for absolutely nothing when the public is actually making a sacrifice to do that," Kent said.

Several councillors said the region would benefit from the parking spaces provided by the developer.

The $130-million project, now under construction, will include a 19-storey office building, three storeys of retail and restaurant space, a 196-room hotel and outdoor plaza, and a parking garage with 1,150 stalls.

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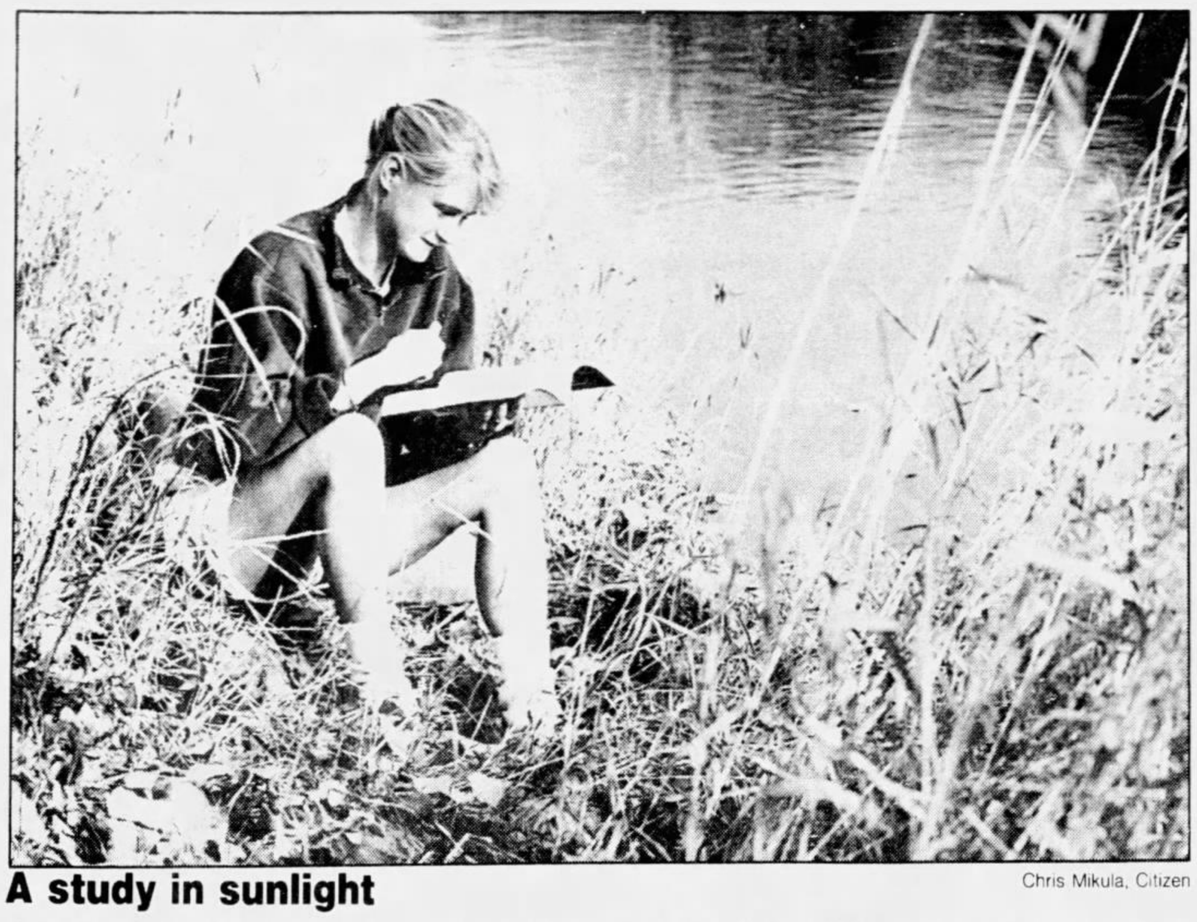

A study in sunlight

Chris Mikula, Citizen

Carleton University geography student Juke Bauer takes advantage of Thursday's balmy weather for a little outdoor study on the banks of the Rideau River.

Striking Algonquin teachers target part-time instructors

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

About 30 striking teachers picketed outside Algonquin College's downtown office Thursday, calling on the public to boycott continuing education classes.

Teachers say the courses are prolonging their strike by bringing the college needed revenue. The classes, taught by non-union instructors, have continued since the strike began last week.

Algonquin's Elgin Street management centre offers the continuing education courses and seminars for businessmen.

"This centre represents everything our strike is about," said Stan Goldner, president of the local teachers' union.

Continuing education courses, he said, threaten full-time jobs because Algonquin could use its low-paid, part-time instructors to replace regular teachers.

About 50,000 students take continuing education classes at Algonquin. Student leader Mike Beard said most of them have ignored the teachers' plea to boycott classes.

"Not too many of them think it makes sense," said Beard, vice-president of Algonquin College's student association.

College spokesman Robin Dorrell said he doubted many part-time students would join the boycott. Missing classes could jeopardize their education, he said.

If students do observe the boycott, the college won't lose money because classes are paid for in advance, Dorrell said. Instructors will still teach so refunds won't be issued.

But many teachers on the picket line said they have public support.

"The public knows using cheap labor means cheap education," said mathematics teacher Irving Bansfield.

Meanwhile, Employment and Immigration Canada says students receiving unemployment benefits while attending job retraining courses at the college won't be penalized because of the strike.

The strike began after mediation talks broke down between the provincial government and 9,000 teachers at 22 community colleges.

Hospitals to get bed registry next month, health official says

By Sharon Kirkey
Citizen staff writer

A computerized registry of available hospital beds in Ottawa-Carleton will be in place next month.

Alan Warren, executive director of the district health council, said Thursday the bed-registry program will help physicians, hospitals and ambulance workers find out immediately which hospitals are overloaded.

"It will save having to make 14 phone calls to find a bed," Warren said.

He was referring to the case of a Midland, Ont. woman who died earlier this month after her doctor called 14 Toronto-area hospitals in an unsuccessful attempt to find her a bed.

Stella Lacroix, 44, died after swallowing acid. She needed emergency surgery that could not be performed in Midland.

Ontario Health Minister Elinor Caplan has promised that a hotline to major hospitals across the province will be set up by the end of the year. The hotline will allow medical workers to check the availability of beds at these designated hospitals by calling one central number.

Only one local hospital, the Ottawa General, will be included on the hotline list. It has been designated as Eastern Ontario's primary centre for trauma care.

Warren said the regional computerized bed registry, which costs about $180,000, will include all area hospitals. It will be updated every four hours by each hospital.

"The technology is fairly simple. It will be easily accessible to physicians, hospitals and ambulance drivers."

A regional bed registry was among the recommendations of a coroner's inquest in 1986. The inquest was set up when an Ottawa woman died after being denied admission to five local hospitals because there were no empty beds.

The same year, the Civic Hospital set up its own 24-hour phone service because so many critical-care patients are transferred from area communities.

Mediator named in talks over special homes

Citizen staff

The threat of an immediate strike at four local homes for the autistic has subsided following the appointment of a provincial mediator.

Representatives of the Ottawa Valley Autistic Homes and 45 employees represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees will meet for mediation talks Nov. 3. The workers will be in a legal strike position Nov. 6.

Management spokesman Terry Kirkpatrick said Thursday he is optimistic a peaceful settlement is possible even though the province has not disclosed how much money is available to upgrade the pay of social service workers.

Union spokesman Dan Pike said his members want a seven-per-cent increase retroactive to April 1 and 10 per cent retroactive to Sept. 1. Most employees work part-time and receive $6.41 or $8.06 an hour.

The four homes in Ottawa and Nepean serve 17 to 19 people between the ages of 15 and 22.

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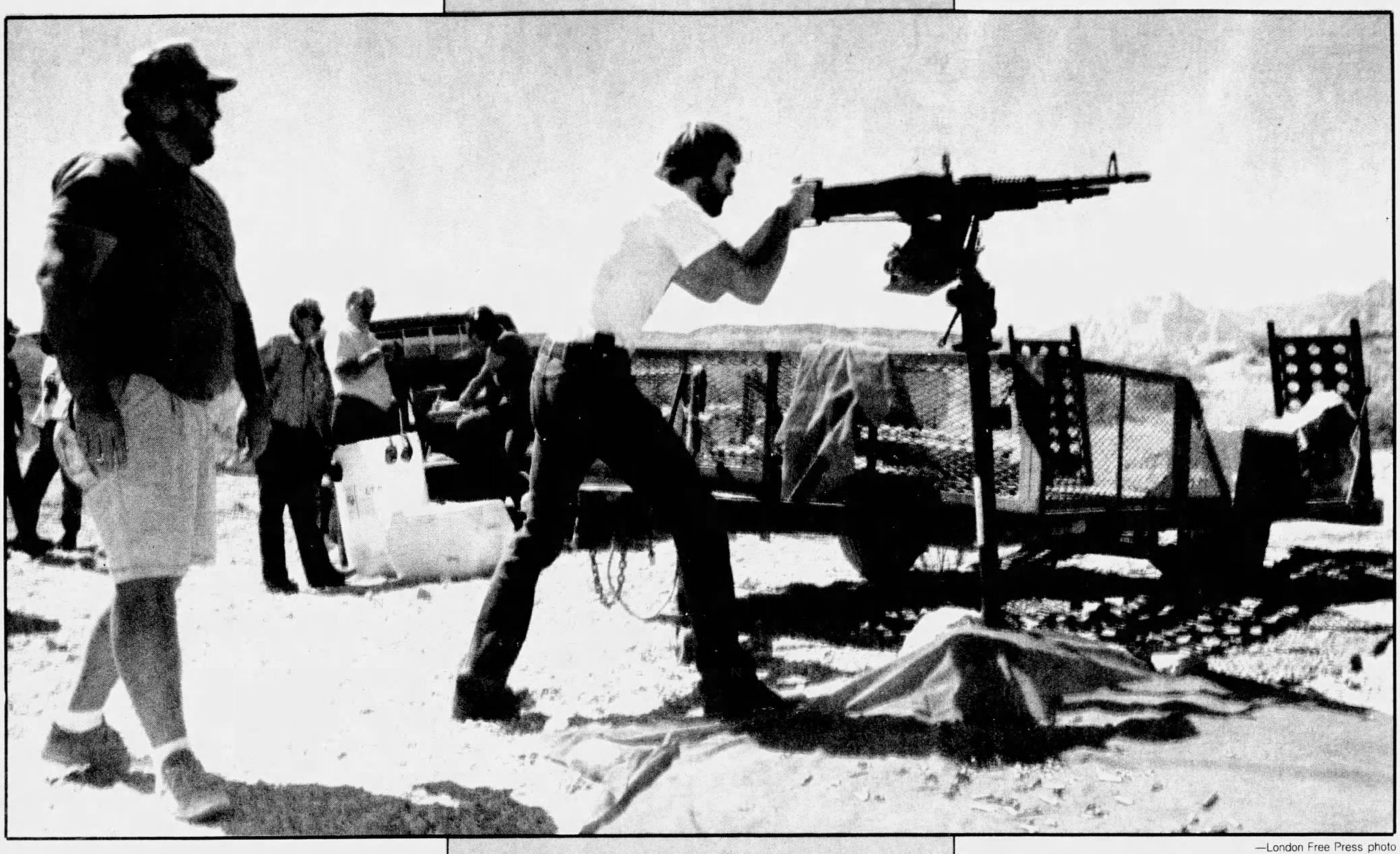

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Rambo: Gathering of would-be mercenaries lives out fantasies in empty Nevada desert

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE

Not far from the casinos, 'soldiers' play desert roulette

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

LAS VEGAS

The young man grips the M-60 heavy machine-gun as if he were embracing his first love.

"OK, you've got Viet Cong inside the perimeter," explains his instructor. "Have fun."

The rattle of the Vietnam War-era machine-gun echoes over the desert floor as its bullets tear up targets. A group of men stands nearby, mesmerized by the weapon, each waiting for his turn to do battle with an imaginary enemy.

"Everyone should have one of these," announces the young man after firing off his last bullet. He is trembling slightly.

Up on a nearby hill, fellow shooters blast away with shotguns at "terrorists" — mannequins dressed in PLO-style uniforms. The desert valley has been turned into a mercenary playground.

Welcome to *Soldier of Fortune* magazine's 10th annual convention — five days of mayhem for people who love the smell of napalm in the morning.

This year's gathering, in late September, brought out the usual collection of nuts, Walter Mitty types and closet Rambos, all willing to shell out $135 (U.S.) for *Soldier of Fortune's* own version of a *Apocalypse Now*. Almost 1,000 weekend warriors, including a busload of Canadians, invaded the Sahara Hotel to attend seminars on knife-fighting and explosives, listen to rabid anti-communist pep talks, and see displays of the latest in military weaponry. Another 9,000 showed up at the gathering's military weapons and equipment show.

Many came just to hang out, talk war and guns, and do some shooting. A few actually believe they are at a gathering of mercenaries.

But in the army of conventioneers, real mercenaries are a rare find. Only a dozen or so of those at the gathering actually have served under foreign flags or have been involved in covert operations. Most, like former U.S. Brigadier General Heine Aderholt, who handled secret air force missions during the Vietnam War, are on the adventure magazine's payroll.

The rest of the hotel warriors are gun buffs, hardware clerks or night security guards who spend most of their time bragging about battles they never fought. They strut around the hotel in camouflage fatigues and heavy combat boots, hardly getting a stare from the gamblers who are too busy pumping one-armed bandits. Most conventioneers try to play the mercenary role, hoping to look sufficiently menacing in their T-shirts boasting phrases such as "Kill them all and let God sort them out" or "Peace through superior firepower."

If the armchair commandos didn't fight in any wars, at least they've got the military jargon down right. Anyone at the convention worth his ammo belt could fire off phrases loaded with references to "LZs" (helicopter landing zones), "terrs" (terrorists), or "thump guns" (M-79 grenade launchers).

Says one fantasy war veteran who refused to give his name because of security reasons: "You could tell the phonies by the way they talk."

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The group of former Canadian Armed Forces paratroopers is standing around the hotel pool, beers in hand, telling anyone who will listen how tough they are. "We jumped out of planes man, we jumped out of planes," says Al Coates, 34, of Calgary. "We were crazy."

Coates, his head shaved and his arm covered in tattoos of naked women, glares in to his drink. He says the convention is "just like being with family."

In the background Barry Salder's 1960s hit, *Ballad of the Green Berets*, blares from a ghetto blaster. The lyrics, "Fighting soldiers who jump and die, fighting men from the sky," are drowned out by laughter as a camouflaged warrior keels over from too much alcohol. Someone screams for a medic. The machismo here is so thick you'd have trouble cutting it with a bayonet.

Former paratrooper Mike Darcy of Toronto looks over

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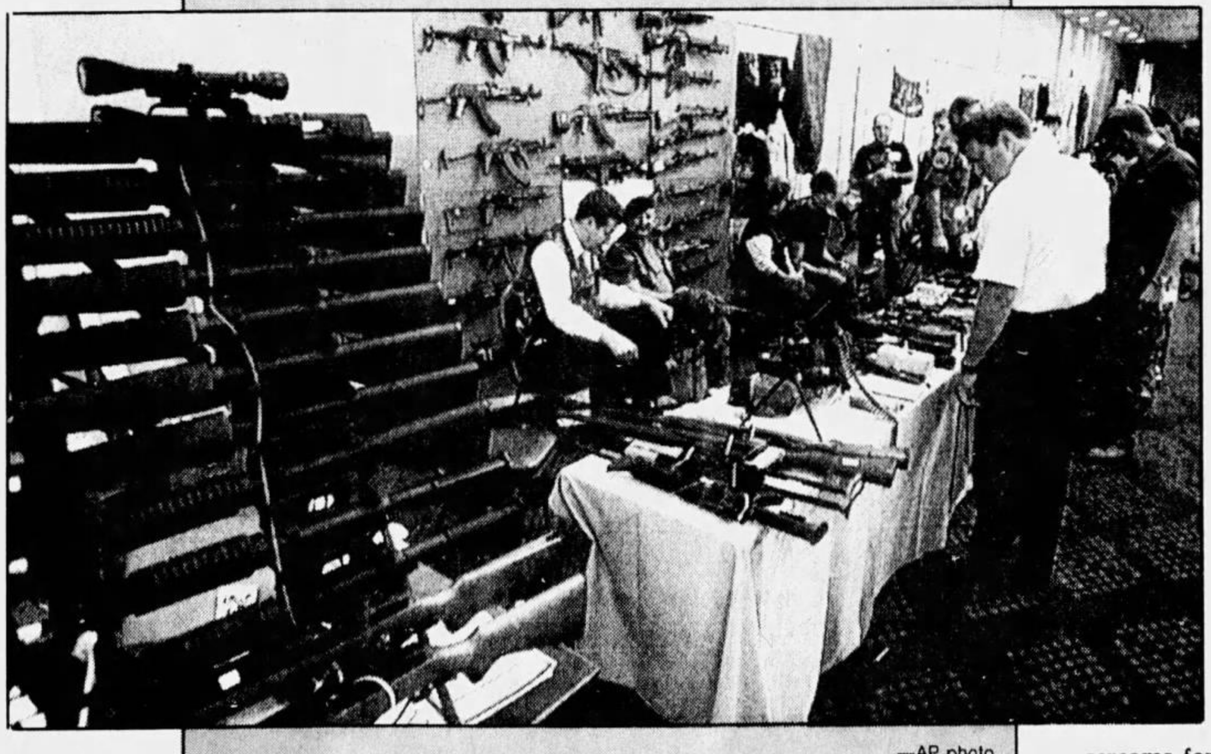

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On sale: Exotic weaponry, fighting fashions, and terrorism tutorials are all on sale to delegates

What garbage! Folks at city hall seem to have taken leaf of their senses

CHARLES GORDON

Walking around the city, you can see people obeying various versions of the Leaf Regulations. It is nice that they observe different versions because that shows the infinite variety of our city life.

But it is a bit surprising. When the new version of the Leaf Regulations came into effect, people quite naturally assumed it would be the version most people would observe. This was because the New Leaf Regulations did not make it necessary to rake leaves into big piles and then try to take the leaves from the big piles and put them into green garbage bags.

Under the New Leaf Regulations, you can just rake your leaves onto the street and a truck, or something, will come by and pick them up. Then, to make things even better, the city will take your leaves and make them into compost, which will be used to make city parks greener.

You could hardly beat a Leaf Regulation like that, and sure enough, when you walk around the city, you see quite a number of people observing it, by filling the street with leaves.

Compared to the New Leaf Regulations, the old Leaf Regulations had ample disadvantages. One was that the old Leaf Regulations, when they were new, forbade people the pleasure of burning the leaves, which made a wonderful fall smell and made it unnecessary to put leaves in green garbage bags and have a truck come by and pick them up.

Another unfortunate characteristic of the old Leaf Regulations was that they, by requiring residents to bag their leaves and put them out with the garbage, put leaves under the provisions of the Garbage Regulations.

Under the Garbage Regulations, residents were prohibited from putting their garbage bags out by the curb before 9 p.m. This was to protect them (the garbage bags) from being attacked by marauding dogs who would rip them open and spread disease around the neighborhood until 9 p.m., at which time they would retire to their kennels for the night.

Having spent the better part of a weekend raking leaves and placing them inside garbage bags, residents were too tired to stay up late enough to obey the Garbage Regulations. This meant that they put their leaves out before 9 p.m., an action which could only increase community-wide contempt for the law, or they didn't put them in green garbage bags at all, which made them (the residents) outlaws, in effect.

Once the realization hit them that they were outlaws, there was no telling what the residents of Ottawa would do. Some of them would rake their leaves across the street when they thought nobody was looking. Others would rake them under cars. Some would just leave them where they (the leaves) fell.

The resultant chaos — and chaos is not too strong a word for it — caused severe concern at city hall. The pressure for a new Comprehensive Leaf Policy came from all sides, easing only when what is now known as the Composting Option was brought to the attention of the city's Leaf Branch. After some study, it was concluded that composting would be less time-consuming and labor-intensive if it were not necessary to remove all compostable products — namely leaves — from green garbage bags.

Within a matter of years, new Leaf Regulations, not requiring green garbage bags, were drafted and enacted.

In newspaper ads announcing the New Leaf Regulations, residents were instructed as follows: "1. You could rake your leaves into piles close to the curb or where you would normally place your regular garbage, or

"2. You could bag your leaves and place the bags close to the curb or where you would normally leave your garbage . . . "

The ads went on to say that: "Collection will start on Oct. 23 and will continue until the first snowfall. Your street will be serviced once only, after the majority of leaves on the street have fallen."

(An explanatory note: This probably did not refer to the leaves on the street falling, but to the leaves on the trees on the street having fallen.)

Intriguingly, the New Leaf Regulations did not outlaw the use of green garbage bags altogether, even though they are ecologically iffy and it is a pain in the neck for the Leaf Branch, having to take the leaves out of the bags. But those who questioned city hall's failure to ban the green garbage bags can appreciate the city's wisdom now, strolling around their neighborhoods on what might just be the day before pickup. The fact is that a great many city residents still use and obviously enjoy putting their leaves in plastic bags, which line those curbs which are not piled high with leaves.

Why would residents continue to put their leaves in green garbage bags in semi-defiance of the New Leaf Regulations? The answer can only be that doing so satisfies a deep inner urge some Ottawa residents have: perhaps the need to see things in their proper place, the proper place being inside green garbage bags.

Or perhaps they think the truck has already gone by, or will not be along until next June.

Or they might fear marauding leaf-eating dogs. There is a great variety of life in Ottawa.

Canada

MPs urge credit-card interest be limited

By Deborah Dowling
Citizen staff writer

Interest charges on credit cards should be limited by a floating cap, a Commons committee said today.

In a report tabled in the Commons, the Consumer Affairs committee recommended the rate charged on bank cards should be no more than eight percentage points higher than the central bank rate.

Interest charged by retailers should be no more than 16.5 percentage points higher, the report said.

Bank credit cards currently command interest in the 20-percent range. Major retailers charge as much as 29 per cent on their store cards. The Bank of Canada rate was pegged last week at 12.42 per cent.

Even though the interest charged by card companies is not too far from what the committee recommended, the cap is sure to provoke a bitter response from financial institutions that have fought for years against limits.

But it will be up to the cabinet to decide whether to proceed with legislation. Up to this point, the government has been content to use moral suasion and require better public disclosure of charges.

The committee, headed by Tory MP Garth Turner, held several weeks of public hearings into credit card practices last June. The investigation, the second committee study of credit cards in two years, heard many complaints about the level of interest charged and how it is calculated.

Critics have argued the only way to rein in the card companies is to tie interest charges to a fixed margin above the prime or central bank rate.

This would force the card companies, who have been criticized for being reluctant to lower charges when rates fall, to more quickly mirror general movements in the cost of money.

During the hearings, financial institutions were also criticized for charging interest from the purchase date, not the statement date. This means consumers are charged interest not only on what they owe, but what they owed back to the day they owed it.

The committee said today that when interest charges are calculated, partial payments be fully credited.

But it shied away from recommending that the method of calculating interest be standardized across the industry.

Lobbying earns ex-MP $400,000, papers disclose

TORONTO (CP) — The developers who won the $380-million contract in 1987 to build a third terminal at Toronto's Pearson International Airport paid a lobbyist nearly $400,000 for his help in clinching the deal, documents show.

The papers, obtained by the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, show that Michael Huang and Bela Danczkay paid John Lundrigan, a St. John's, Nfld., businessman and former Conservative MP, at least $390,000 from 1986 to 1988.

Under Canadian law it is not illegal to hire lobbyists, nor is there any limit on what they can be paid.

Lundrigan was one of several lobbyists hired to help win the contract for the Airport Development Corp., the consortium Huang and Danczkay formed to bid for the Terminal 3 contract.

Federal parole officers strike

Citizen staff and news services

Striking parole officers and counsellors set up picket lines at Correctional Service headquarters on Laurier Avenue today after a weekend mediation session failed to produce a settlement with Treasury Board.

About 1,500 federal parole officers and counsellors across the country, including about 80 in the Ottawa area, walked off the job.

Strikers also set up a picket line at Veterans Affairs headquarters on Wellington Street.

Talks between Treasury Board and the Public Service Alliance of Canada broke off late Saturday with the two sides still far apart on the major issues of wages and shift work, said PSAC vice-president Albert Burke.

About 70 per cent of the group work as caseworkers and parole officers inside and outside federal prisons. The rest work as counsellors for the departments of Indian and Northern Affairs, Health and Welfare and Veterans Affairs.

The parole officers are responsible for monitoring about 6,000 federal parolees.

The workers were in a legal strike position as of midnight Sunday.

Many of the buildings being picketed, including the penitentiaries, have workers from other bargaining groups in them. Nicole Dubé, PSAC negotiator, said Sunday the striking workers were not asking non-striking workers to refrain from crossing picket lines.

At the Joyceville Institution, guards reporting for work this morning waited behind a picket line until management employees came out and escorted them into work.

"That was a real show of solidarity," said Norman Porter, a PSAC spokesman said today."That's happening right across the country."

Treasury Board spokesman Don Fowler said Sunday "a considerable effort" had been made to reach a settlement.

"We're clearly disappointed."

Burke described the weekend negotiations as "very frustrating. The offer they presented us with was really no different than the one we had already rejected."

No talks have been scheduled.

Treasury Board has said department managers will handle parole supervision during the strike. About 3,000 parolees, in halfway-houses operated under contract by social agencies such as the Salvation Army, will not be affected.

The employees are seeking wage parity with their provincial counterparts.

In April, they rejected the package wage increase of 15 per cent compounded over 42 months that 150,000 other alliance members accepted.

The parole officers are also fighting attempts that would force them to work evening shifts.

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Jean Chrétien says Canada has never been so divided as it is today

Chrétien calls for calm over Meech

SHEDIAC, N.B. (CP) — Liberal leadership contender Jean Chrétien has called for calm and reason in the growing battle over the Meech Lake constitutional accord and widening split between French and English Canada.

"These are very bad years," Chrétien told about 300 Liberals on Sunday at the annual meeting for the Beausejour riding, held by Liberal Fernand Robichaud.

Chrétien, who hasn't officially entered the race to succeed Liberal Leader John Turner, blamed the country's troubles on the Mulroney government.

There is no one in the government who is speaking on behalf of all of Canada, which has never been as divided as it is today, said Chrétien. Individual regions and provinces are speaking on their own behalf and not as part of a nation, he said.

"The only way for this country to survive is to first decide we are a country."

The former Liberal cabinet minister said it's sad to hear talk of separation in Quebec but even sadder to hear Canadians in other provinces who have become lukewarm to the threat.

The Quebec politician said he supports efforts by New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna to have the Meech Lake accord amended to protect the rights of minorities.

And he doesn't agree with those who predict the country will be destroyed if the agreement to bring Quebec into the Constitution is scrapped.

The Meech Lake accord, among other things, recognizes Quebec as a distinct society, compensates provinces when they opt out of federal programs in areas of provincial jurisdiction and makes future constitutional amendments require approval of the federal government and all 10 provinces.

The agreement must be ratified by next June. It has been approved by the Commons and all provinces except Manitoba and New Brunswick. Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells has said he will withdraw his province's approval if certain changes aren't made.

Legislature committee reports in Manitoba and New Brunswick last week called for changes to the agreement, but Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa said it must be ratified before any new negotiations take place.

Guidelines allow 17% raise for cabinet aides

By Iain Hunter
Citizen staff writer

New Treasury Board guidelines were passed secretly earlier this year to allow cabinet ministers to give their top aides a 17-per-cent wage increase.

The new guidelines also allow ministers to double the number of people they can second to their offices from their departments.

Liberal MP Don Boudria said today the change in the administrative policy directive for ministers' offices conforms to practices that had already been adopted.

When the position of chief of staff, with an annual salary of $91,000, was abolished for ministers of state without departments to run, the maximum for executive assistants to ministers was raised to $65,000 from $56,285.

However, Tom Van Dusen, a spokesman for Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski, said that although ministers running the most expensive departments have been allowed larger office budgets, there is an overall saving.

This is because office budgets for the remainder were reduced at the same time, he said.

While all ministers were allowed to pay up to $425,000 a year for their office staff, now only the big five — Transport, Finance, External Affairs, Agriculture and Deputy Prime Minister — are allowed the new top budget of $500,000.

The remainder only get $375,000 to staff their offices under the new guidelines.

But Van Dusen stressed that ministers have the discretion to set individual salaries for their aides, provided they stay within the overall budget ceiling.

Hospitals should get more money, Ontarians tell poll

By Sharon Kirkey
Citizen staff writer

Most Ontario residents believe the province should increase hospital funding even if it means higher taxes, according to a recent survey.

And while 75 per cent of those surveyed said they're satisfied with the quality of health care in Ontario, that satisfaction is waning, the report indicates.

The telephone survey of 1,011 Ontario residents was conducted between Sept. 15 and Oct. 2 for the Ontario Hospital Association, which opened its annual convention in Toronto today.

The survey by Environics Ltd. is considered accurate within 3.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

It found that 67 per cent of those surveyed said the province should spend more money on hospitals.

Of those, 58 per cent said they still supported increased government spending even if it meant increased taxes.

"People are obviously very concerned with health care these days,' said Dr. Dennis Tuck, chairman of the Ontario Hospital Association, which represents more than 200 public hospitals across the province.

Tuck says that if "pushed into a corner," people will accept higher taxes for improved health care "just as they would for education and road services."

Provincial hospital funding was increased by only four per cent this year, one per cent less than the rate of inflation.

Five local hospitals say they'll be forced to close beds and cut medical services because of provincial underfunding.

Among them, four hospitals are forecasting deficits this year despite provincial demands for balanced budgets. They are the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Ottawa General, Riverside and Perley hospitals.

The Civic Hospital began closing more than 100 beds earlier this year to save $5.8 million and balance its budget.

However, 95 per cent of the survey respondents believed bed closures are not the answer to hospital deficits and limited provincial funding.

Instead, they said more medical services should be offered on an out-patient basis, and only a few hospitals should provide specialized services, such as heart surgery and cancer treatment.

"It's not reasonable to have all hospitals providing all services all of the time," said Tuck.

The fourth annual survey also found the level of satisfaction in Ontario health care is dropping.

Only 35 per cent of respondents said they were very satisfied with provincial health care, compared to 43 per cent last year, and 46 per cent in 1986.

The number of people who said they are very dissatisfied with Ontario health care has doubled since last year — from five per cent in 1988 to 10 per cent today.

Tuck said the findings require close monitoring. However, he argued the numbers are small when compared to the 75 per cent who said they were satisfied with the quality of health care in Ontario.

Police block taxi convoy from tax protest on Hill

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Police blocked a convoy of 100 taxi cabs from driving up to the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings today. The cabbies were among hundreds of protesters demonstrating against the federal government's proposed Goods and Services Tax.

The move sparked a confrontation between the cabbies and police.

"Let us drive around once, and then we'll get the hell out of here," Ottawa taxi driver Mohamad Alsadi yelled at officers. "This is supposed to be a democracy."

Ottawa police and RCMP used three cars to block the road leading up to the Centre Block. The cabbies were stopped at the Centennial Flame.

The taxi drivers had wanted to circle Parliament Hill before joining several hundred people gathered there to protest the proposed tax.

Police said they couldn't allow the cabbies to go ahead with their plan for security reasons.

The cabbies parked their cars near the Centennial Flame before joining other protesters at the stairway leading up to the Centre Block.

Businessmen, laborers and clerics were also expected at the demonstration, said Ottawa Centre Liberal MP Mac Harb, one of the rally's organizers.

Harb said the protest was one of the first times Canadians from all walks of life were rallying against one common issue.

The taxi drivers are worried that the tax will increase their operating costs as they pay more money for gas, repairs, stand rentals and bookkeeping. They say new meters will be needed to calculate and display the tax to customers.

"People aren't going to pay a $3 tax on a $20 cab ride," said taxi driver Riad Sarkis. "It's just too much to ask."

Other cabbies are worried the public will stop using taxis and rely on public transit. Brockville taxi driver Bud McMullen said high cab prices have already created a public backlash.

Commission on reproductive technologies will go beyond abortion

The Royal Commission on reproductive technologies looks on paper at least as if it will go far beyond the narrow issue of abortion.

In fact, Health Minister **Perrin Beatty** told reporters that abortion will be dealt with directly by Parliament later this fall when the government introduces legislation.

That is probably a good thing.

Many who are worried about some of the more obscure aspects of genetic and reproductive technology see the abortion issue as a side-show, a highly-charged side show it is true, but not at the core of the matter.

The mandate issued last week with the announcement of the appointment of the commission is promising.

The make-up of the commission seems to show a latitude that goes far beyond the political issue about abortion.

FRANK HOWARD
Citizen staff

BUREAUCRATS

An even clearer idea of the commission's capacity to deal with questions that may affect the very nature of our species in the next century will emerge when the commission starts hiring staff and setting up studies.

So far there is no staff.

Dr. **Patricia Baird**, a professor of medical genetics at the University of British Columbia, is chairman of the commission. Her background points to a far-reaching scope for the investigation.

But she said in a conversation Friday that it was too early to talk about what sort of expertise would be hired to do supporting studies.

On the other hand, some support documents released with the names of the commission members indicate that the investigators will be dealing with subjects that will be posing moral and political problems in the next decade.

Out of technology already developed comes the possibility of implanting one couple's embryo into the womb of a third person.

This creates the possibility that couples with no fertility problems might hire a surrogate womb for no other reason than convenience.

That is one small example of where technology is leading us.

Another interesting possibility arising from technology and described in the commission's background documents last week, is the manipulation of human genetic material after conception by the replacement of "defective" genes.

The process, the documents report, is also known as "embryo therapy".

The presence of several lawyers and experts on "bioethics" means that legal implications will get considerable airing. It seems unlikely, however, that the abortion issue will be, or can be, brushed aside entirely no matter how wide the scope of the inquiry.

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Don Whiteside, a sociologist working on program evaluation for Health and Welfare, is taking leave of absence from the public service, to work for smokers' rights.

His new title is Ontario Coordinator for Smokers' Freedom Society.

The move was announced at a press conference held by the group to announce its ongoing support in the case of **Gilles Jourdain**, an employee of Employment and Immigration in the Quebec Region who recently lost a bid in Federal Court to overturn Treasury Board's total ban on smoking in the work place.

The smokers' society will support Jourdain when he takes the case to appeal.

Whiteside remains president of the Ontario Civil Liberties Association.

He says that the Smokers' Freedom Society is funded by "unions, individuals, the Tobacco Council, a variety of sources."

Society president **Michel Bouchard** said last week his organization has 8,000 members.

Whiteside has served in the public service close to 15 years. His leave of absence is expected to last two years.

Malpractice suits soar

A total of $25 million is awarded to 250 injured patients a year by the courts or in out-of-court settlements. About 900 medical liability suits are launched in Canada every year.

TORONTO (CP) — Canadians are suing doctors for malpractice at three times the rate they were 15 years ago, and awards to injured patients have quadrupled in size, a national survey says.

The number of patients who win their cases has doubled over the same period, Robert Prichard, dean of law and president-designate of the University of Toronto, said Monday.

Complaints "are overwhelmingly occurring in hospitals and other health-care institutions," Prichard told about 350 trustees at the Ontario Hospital Association's annual convention.

Doctors and hospitals now spend $200 million a year on liability insurance, he said.

Premiums have jumped as much as 40-fold for some specialties.

But he said that in general, the increase in lawsuits has "been a good thing" for the health-care system.

"I think the quality of medical practice, the safety of medical practice is higher."

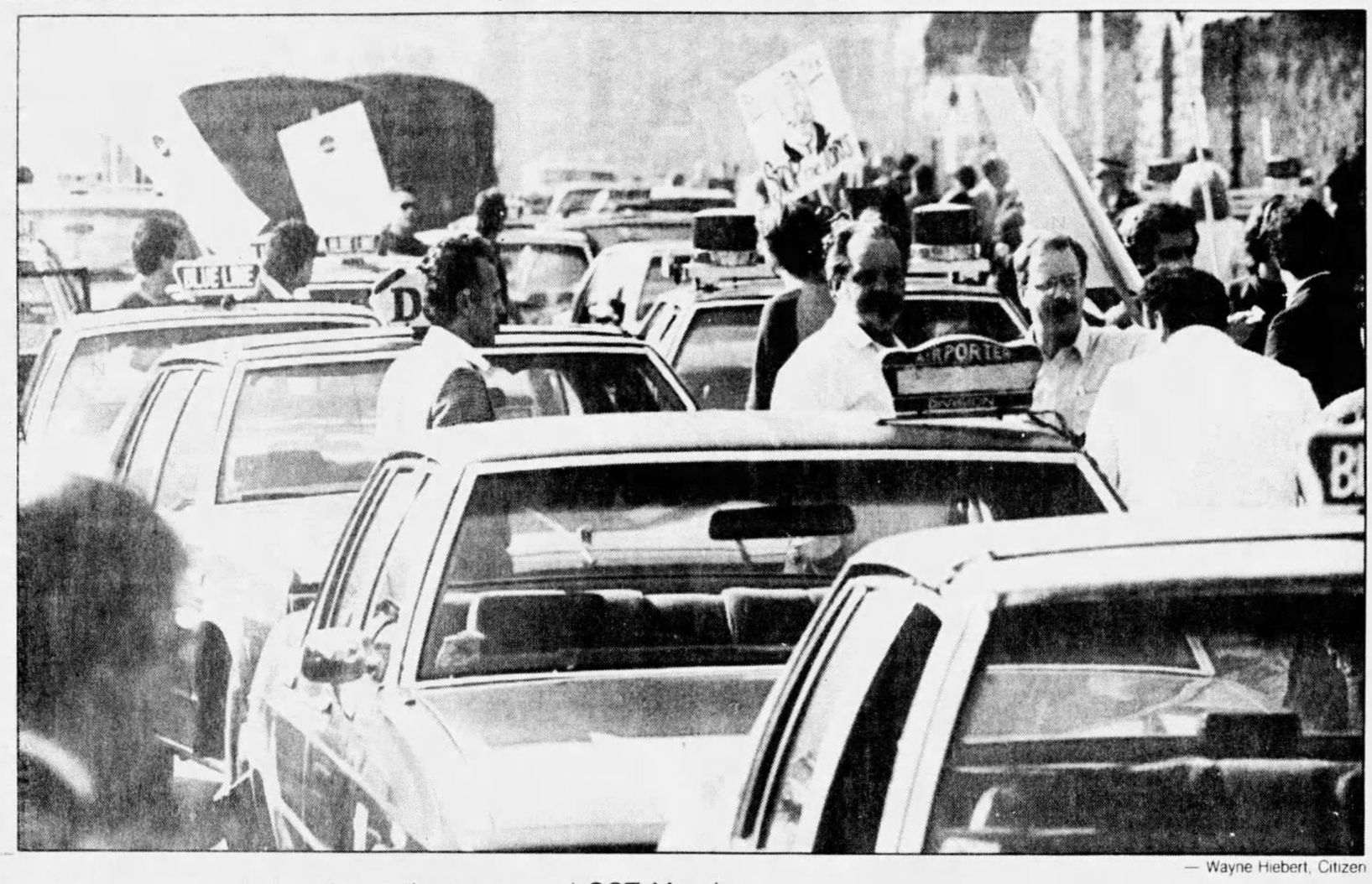
A total of $25 million is awarded to 250 injured patients a year by the courts or in out-of-court settlements. About 900 medical liability suits are launched in Canada every year.

The average award is $100,000 — far less than is spent fighting the cases in court, Prichard said.

The results come from a study Prichard is conducting for the federal, provincial and territorial governments. His report will be released early next year.

He said there should be major changes in the way medical malpractice suits are handled, including finding a way to weed out frivolous claims.

Hospitals and other institutions should concentrate on improving on the quality of their care, and Canadian governments should set up medical injuries compensation boards, which would be similar to workers' compensation boards, Prichard said.



— Wayne Hiebert, Citizen

Taxi drivers make their point against proposed GST Monday

Tax protest on Hill turns rowdy

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

A protest on Parliament Hill against the federal government's proposed Goods and Services Tax turned rowdy Monday as demonstrators rocked a police car and tore apart a teenager's pro-GST placard.

The 90-minute confrontation began after police, citing security reasons, blocked a convoy of 100 cabs from driving by the Centre Block as part of a rally against the nine-per-cent sales tax.

Some angry cabbies began rocking one of three RCMP and Ottawa police squad cars used to block their way as Liberal House Leader Herb Gray appealed for the crowd to calm down.

The taxi drivers are worried the tax will increase their operating costs as they pay more money for gas, repairs, stand rentals and bookkeeping.

"Let us drive around once and then we'll get the hell out of here," convoy organizer Mohamad Alsadi yelled at officers. "This is supposed to be a democracy isn't it?"

Liberal and NDP MPs got into one of the taxis and demanded they be allowed to drive to the House of Commons entrance, but police held their ground.

Yorkton-Melville NDP MP Lorne Nystrom asked officers several times to let the MPs through. "You can control crowds but you can't stop MPs from going on the Hill," Nystrom told police.

It took about 40 minutes of negotiations between officers and House of Commons Sergeant-at-Arms Gaston Cloutier before police would allow 30 cabs, honking their horns, to drive by the Centre Block.

Earlier, angry protesters confronted 16-year-old Kent Peddie of Ottawa, ripping apart the "I love GST" sign he was carrying.

"You must be the son of an MP," 64-year-old Therese Durham yelled at Peddie as she hung the remains of the cardboard placard around his neck. "Wait until you're retired and have to live on $700 a month."

Peddie told the angry crowd he thought the GST was necessary and that "everyone has to pay their fair share of taxes."

Protesters taunted the teenager with shouts of "Have you ever worked before kid?"

Ottawa Centre Liberal MP Mac Harb, one of the rally organizers, said the large turnout showed "this government proposal is a flop."

■ **TOWN HALLS:** Local meetings more subdued/**D3**

Stan will walk on water before he's a senator

MARJORIE NICHOLS
Citizen staff

THE NATION

The odds in favor of a decision by Brian Mulroney to appoint Reform party nominee Stan Waters to the Senate are not good, though not entirely hopeless.

Let's just say that Waters has roughly the same prospect of serving in the Red Chamber as he does of representing Canada in the pole vault at the next summer Olympic games.

The prime minister, who returned to the Commons Monday after 18 days abroad, made emphatically clear that he is under no compulsion to appoint Waters, the winner of the Alberta election to select a Senate nominee.

There's "nothing automatic about it," Mulroney snorted when asked by reporters if the Reform party candidate's appointment was in doubt. The prime minister reiterated that the appointment of senators is still his prerogative.

The decision of the Reform party at its weekend convention to take an official position in opposition to Sikh RCMP officers wearing turbans with the dress uniform probably sealed Waters's fate.

The idea that Brian Mulroney might appoint a man from a party that is anti-French, anti-feminist and anti-Meech Lake defies credulity.

When a dollop of racism is added to the Reform party's already unsavory stew, I think it can be stated with some certainty that Stan Waters would be mighty foolish to sign a lease on an Ottawa apartment.

You just never know, now that the PM's back in town, the thinkers in the PMO might even be persuaded to quit cowering in a corner over the Sikh turban issue. The sensible course obviously is to endorse the RCMP commissioner's recommendation and accept the new navy blue and yellow dress turban.

During a debate on the issue last Friday in the Commons, Vancouver NDP MP Margaret Mitchell pulled out all the stops.

"I am appalled and sickened by a pin that is being worn in Alberta saying: 'Keep the RCMP Canadian,' with a picture of a Sikh in a turban and a line drawn across." Amen.

Now, maybe the solicitor general can gear up his courage and make an official pronouncement on the turban issue, which has been dangling for months.

This is a volatile political issue in the West, no doubt about it. But any further delay will raise doubts about the government's courage as well as its convictions. Right is not always popular.

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The silence from the direction of the NDP leadership race is deceptive.

With the national road show now over, the seven candidates for Ed Broadbent's job are into the tough part of the campaign: Winning delegate support.

While firm numbers are still unavailable, Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin scored a symbolic victory last week at the Vancouver East delegate selection meeting. All nine delegates elected were McLaughlin supporters. The two Dave Barrett candidates were defeated.

What makes this interesting is that Vancouver East encompasses the provincial riding by the same name that was represented in the B.C. Legislature for many years by Barrett, the former premier who is running a controversial anti-Meech Lake campaign.

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The spin doctors at the finance department are fond of reminding voters that the manufacturers' sales tax (MST), which the government seeks to replace with the new goods and services tax (GST), has long been regarded as flawed.

True, but what the spin boys neglect to mention is that the MST was introduced in 1924 as a replacement for an even more unpopular tax.

That unpopular tax was a federal sales tax of one per cent that had been introduced in 1920 to deal with the horrendous national debt incurred during the First World War. That hated one-per-cent tax on all transactions was replaced with a six-per-cent manufacturers sales tax.

That fascinating piece of pertinent trivia was unearthed by Richard Domingue of the Library of Parliament's economics division in a paper he prepared on historical efforts to reform federal sales taxes.

As the adage has it, those who don't remember history are fated to repeat it.

■ **REFORM:** Are most Albertans anti-French?/**A12**

Government rejects plan to cap credit card rates

By Deborah Dowling
Citizen staff writer

The federal government quickly dismissed a Commons committee recommendation Monday that credit card interest rates be capped.

"Historically, caps haven't worked that well in protecting consumers because other means can be used to raise the price of credit," Consumer Affairs Minister Harvie Andre told reporters.

Gilles Loiselle, the minister responsible for supervising financial institutions, said he believed consumers are best served by competition, not regulation.

The consumer affairs committee called on the government to tie credit card rates to the central bank rate. The committee suggested interest charged by banks should be no more than eight percentage points higher than the central bank rate. For retailers, the maximum would be 16.5 percentage points higher than the bank rate.

This recommendation, one of 13 that flowed from a week of public hearings last June, would not do much to alter rates now charged by credit card companies.

Bank credit cards currently command interest in the 20-percent range while major retailers charge as much as 29 per cent on their store cards. The Bank of Canada rate was pegged last week at 12.42 per cent.

But committee chairman Garth Turner, a Tory MP from Toronto, said a mechanism is needed to ensure that when interest rates fall, credit card issuers are forced to follow suit.

This would eliminate the situation of early 1987 when the bank rate had fallen below 10 per cent, but banks continued to charge interest in the 24-per-cent range.

A spokesman for the Canadian Bankers' Association said capping rates would force card companies to raise other charges and perhaps restrict access to credit.

"Experience in the U.S. has shown that consumers get the worse end of the stick with caps," said Joanne de Laurentiis.

The MPs found that since the finance committee report was issued, "competition in the credit card market has, if anything, increased."

The committee recommended that when interest charges are calculated, partial payments be fully credited.

Vander Zalm regrets 'racist' joke

VANCOUVER (CP) — A subdued Premier Bill Vander Zalm apologized Monday for making a racist joke at a Social Credit party breakfast on the weekend.

"It certainly wasn't intended to be in any way a racist comment," the premier told a news conference. "If I thought it was offensive I would not have told it, but obviously I might have misjudged.

"I wish to apologize to anyone who suffered or was offended by my remarks," a contrite-looking Vander Zalm said.

Both Vander Zalm and Highways Minister Neil Vant told ethnic jokes at the breakfast. Vander Zalm told a joke about a Jew who thought he could win a lottery without buying a ticket. Vant, an Anglican minister, apologized a few hours after Vander Zalm did for telling a joke about a Jew and a "Chinaman."

After Vander Zalm and Vant told their jokes Saturday morning during an off-the-record party meal, former cabinet minister Grace McCarthy left the breakfast table in disgust.

The premier's joke shows ignorance while Vant is a bigot and doesn't deserve to be a cabinet minister, said longtime Socred Michael Levy, who announced Monday he was resigning from the party.

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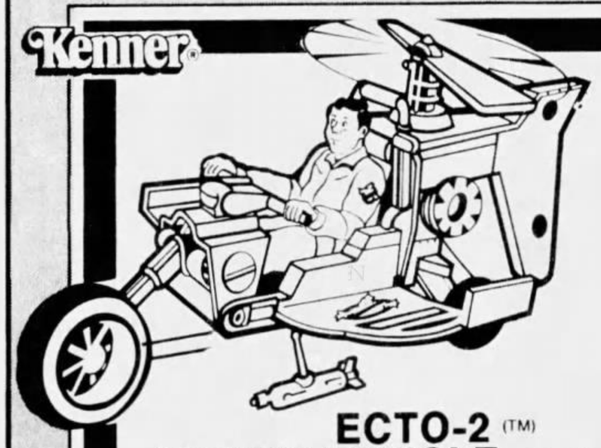

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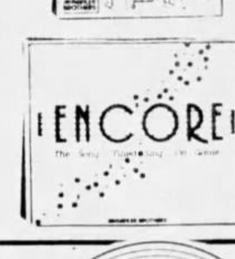

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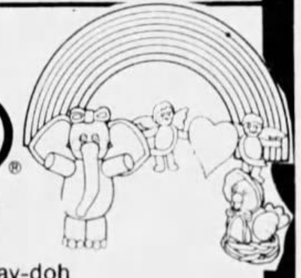

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Region's United Way drive in danger of missing goal

Campaign needs $257,000 a day

By Sherri Barron
Citizen staff writer

The United Way Campaign of Ottawa-Carleton is falling behind and won't reach its goal unless donations pick up, says the campaign chairman.

"Yes, I'm worried," Jean-Pierre Soublière said Tuesday.

"On the surface two weeks ago, it appeared we would make it, but the growth in major sectors of the campaign has not occurred. Unless we get more activity, we're not going to make our goal."

As of Tuesday, the campaign had raised $9,049,361, 83.4 per cent of its $10.85 million goal. At the same time last year, the campaign had raised $8,584,777, 84.2 per cent of its goal.

While this year's campaign has taken in more in actual dollars, the target has increased 6.37 per cent over last year's $10.2 million, even though the campaign last year fell $200,000 short of that goal.

Soublière said this year's campaign must take in about $257,000 a day for the final seven working days to draw in the remaining $1.8 million.

Certain sectors of the campaign simply haven't performed as well as expected, said Soublière.

"Some large corporations and some small business participation has been down ... we've also (had problems) in some of the professional areas such as accountants, engineers, architects and lawyers."

Soublière said he's decided to cancel all his trips to spend more time on the phone and to generally buckle down for the final haul.

"We're not panicking, but we're leaving no stone unturned."

The region's campaign was extended two weeks last year and still failed to reach its goal. Soublière has said repeatedly this campaign will not be extended.

The campaign ends Nov. 9.

"It's not fair for people who are volunteers. We believe strongly that it impacts negatively on the campaign in subsequent years. The community feels it never ends."

The last dollars in any campaign are traditionally the hardest to raise, organizers say.

In West Quebec, the campaign has raised $1,540,830, 85.6 per cent of its $1.8 million target. At this time last year, the campaign had raised $1,506,882, which represented 96.2 per cent of its goal.

"It's always hardest at the end, but we're confident we're going to make it," said Marie-France Gosselin, executive director of the United Way of West Quebec.

Organizers are hoping a student dance-a-thon scheduled for this weekend and a telephone blitz of small area businesses will help put them over the top.

The campaign was hurt by fines imposed on Quebec health-care workers who struck illegally in September. Campaign director Marlene Deboisbriand said they expect a $10,000 shortfall in that sector.

The campaign ends Nov. 7.

Man guilty of manslaughter

Citizen staff

A Vanier man was found guilty today of manslaughter in the death of a 70-year-old man.

But Denis Cusson, 23, was given a suspended sentence by provincial court Judge Jack Nadelle today in the 1988 death of Andrian Cyr. Cyr died 10 days after he was pushed to the ground and struck his head on a curb.

"There was no attack," Nadelle said. "It was the most trivial assault someone could come up with."

Cusson had no intention of harming Cyr, Nadelle said.

Cyr was among the spectators of a fight between Cusson and another man outside a Rideau Street bar on July 3, 1988. As the other man walked away from the fight, Cyr got in between the two men.

Cusson was pushing people out of the way in an attempt to go after the other man. With his gaze focused on the other man, he placed his open left hand on Cyr's chest and gave a light push. Cyr stumbled backwards and fell.

800 students hold protest

Citizen staff

Several hundred Gatineau high school students took to the streets Tuesday to protest a pressure tactic by their teachers to get a new contract. The teachers are refusing to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Students at Nicolas-Gatineau High School walked out during their first period of class. At the peak of the protest, about 800 students were out, said Robert Morin, principal of the high school.

The students failed to lure students at other nearby high schools to join them on the street. Most returned to class by noon and classes proceeded normally, Morin said.

Police investigate man's death

Citizen staff

Ottawa police detectives are investigating the death of a man found early today at the foot of the Mackenzie King bridge.

The man, believed to be in his early thirties, had suffered severe head injuries.

"We're not sure whether it's a murder, accident or suicide," Supt. Bob Kelly said.

Any porn dangerous, expert says

By Elizabeth Payne
Citizen staff writer

Exposure to pornography, even if it is non-violent, can increase the likelihood a man will commit rape, an expert testified Tuesday.

James Check, an associate professor of psychology at York University, told the obscenity trial of Toronto record distributor Fringe Products Inc., his studies show non-violent "dehumanizing" pornography can have as great or a greater effect on its viewers than violent pornography.

Not everyone will be affected by viewing pornography, he said. But young viewers and those with psychotic tendencies are the most susceptible.

His testimony came during the second day of the landmark obscenity hearing involving two records by Victoria, B.C., punk band DayGlo Abortions.

Fringe Products and Record Peddlar, both owned by Ben Hoffman, are charged with possessing and distributing the albums.

Defence department breaks off talks with NCC on leasing heritage house

By Mark Richardson
Citizen staff writer

The National Defence Department backed out of negotiations Monday to lease a valuable heritage property from the National Capital Commission.

The 20-room Georgian mansion on Richmond Road will not be the new home of Canada's chief of defence staff because it is too expensive, said Captain Donald Roy, a defence department spokesman.

The decision came nine days after the home's original Georgian and Victorian furnishings were auctioned and less than two weeks after it was vacated. The department had been negotiating with the NCC for the house since July.

A spokesman for the NCC, which owns the house, said Tuesday no decision has been made on the property's future.

"We have to get in and take a close look at the house to appraise it and assess what repairs are needed before we decide what use it's most suitable for," said Hélène Bourret.

She said the department did not ask the NCC to find another house for the chief of defence staff, currently Gen. John de Chastelain.

John Hill, the defence department's property director, said last week the department wanted the house's furnishings to remain with the property, but was reluctant to buy them before signing a long-term lease.

The commission didn't buy the furnishings because the house had not been an official residence and they were not considered an asset, said Ken Burke, NCC director of realty operations.

The 159-year-old house, named Maplelawn, had been home to the Rochester family since 1878. Lloyd Rochester sold the home to the NCC in 1952 to preserve it as a heritage property, provided his wife, Frances, was allowed to remain a tenant as long as she wished.

The family notified the NCC in July she wished to move to a smaller home, and the NCC offered the house to the defence department.

Toby Rochester, Lloyd's son, who spent his childhood at Maplelawn and supervised the sale of the furnishings, said he is disappointed the negotiations with the defence department had fallen through.

"I hate to think they're not going to take it," he said. "I hope it all stays in one piece now. For Maplelawn, it would be a travesty for it not to be kept intact."

He said the family wanted to sell the furnishings to the NCC when his mother decided to move, but the commission decided "at the eleventh hour" not to buy them.

"We would have taken less (money) to see it all stay in the house as one collection," he said.

Fitness club may be fined $1M after guilty plea to 19 charges

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Fines totalling almost $1 million could be levied against Holiday Fitness Centres Ltd. after the company pleaded guilty to 19 provincial offences.

Another 34 charges against the fitness centres and its owner, John Valentine, will be heard Feb. 2 in a Toronto courtroom, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations investigator Gary DeMers said Tuesday.

Twenty of the 53 charges, including overcharging for initiation fees and signing customers to contracts of more than one year, stem from the company's Ottawa operations.

DeMers said Holiday Fitness Centres pleaded guilty to the 19 offences Oct. 20. The firm could be fined up to $50,000 on each count, he said.

Consumer and Commercial Relations spokesman Richard Montpetit said Valentine could also face fines up to $25,000 or a one-year jail sentence for each offence.

Valentine of Newmarket, Ont., owned and operated six fitness centres, including three in Ottawa. The chain closed its doors in March.

Montpetit said that although some customers who lost membership fees could bring action against the company in small claims court, their chances of receiving any money is slim.

"It's hard to get money from a company that doesn't have any," he said.

Those who signed contracts on or after Feb. 20 are entitled to a full refund but DeMers said there are still some Ottawa customers who haven't applied for the money. Holiday Fitness centres gave the provincial government $30,000 to reimburse those customers.

Plea changed, woman faces trial

By George Kalogerakis
Citizen staff writer

A mildly-retarded woman who pleaded guilty to corrupting her children will go on trial after a judge decided Tuesday she didn't understand the consequences of her plea.

Quebec court Judge Jean-Pierre Plouffe allowed the woman's lawyer to change her plea to not guilty after a new psychiatric report said she wasn't mentally fit when she entered her first plea six months ago.

Since then, the 27-year-old Thurso woman has received treatment and is able to face the charges against her, says the report.

She was one of 16 people from the small Outaouais town charged in May 1988 with sexually assaulting her two boys, then aged 18 months and five years.

The woman, who can't be named to protect the victims' identities, is charged with participating in orgies in front of the boys as well as sexually assaulting the five year old.

The woman was released Tuesday until her trial begins Feb. 5.

Her children are under the care of Outaouais youth protection officials.

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Perley's deficit soars

Provincial delays force up debt, Tory charges

By Chris Hall
Citizen staff writer

TORONTO — The Perley Hospital's debt is growing by $10,000 a week because the Health Ministry hasn't responded to the hospital's proposed budget, interim Tory leader Andy Brandt said Wednesday.

The budget, submitted in May, called for the closure of up to 36 beds to meet the ministry's call for each Ontario hospital to present either a balanced budget or deficit reduction plan for the 1989-90 fiscal year.

But the ministry's five-month review of the budget, Brandt said, is forcing the Perley deeper and deeper into debt.

He said hospital officials complied with a ministry request that no beds be closed until Health Minister Elinor Caplan made a decision on funding new chronic-care beds in the region.

"At the very least, the minister can respond to the Perley Hospital's request for some indication of what she is going to do about its operating deficit, which now has reached $800,000 and is going up at a rate of some $10,000 a week," Brandt said in an interview.

"She has to recognize... the Perley can not operate under the cloud of uncertainty she has left."

Ministry spokesman Amorel Saunders said Wednesday the review was completed recently, but has yet to be approved by the minister.

"A decision will be made in the next few days."

Allan Weatherall, spokesman for the Perley, said the 202-bed chronic-care hospital expects a $2-million deficit by March 31 — the end of its fiscal year.

"We need more money and we can't borrow it from the bank forever," he said. "If we're expected to provide long-term care to this community, we have to have the money to do it."

While the hospital is spending no money on travel or educational programs and has imposed a hiring freeze, Weatherall said costs outside its control have risen well beyond the four-per-cent increase in provincial grants.

Those include nursing and support staff raises of 7.4-per-cent awarded by an arbitrator, a 50-per-cent hike in the region's water charges, increases because of pay equity and changes to unemployment insurance and a $100,000 shortfall created by the new tax that replaced OHIP premiums.

"All these factors add up to a $540,000 shortfall this fiscal year," said Weatherall.

At the same time, the Perley has one of the lowest per patient costs of any of the 18 chronic-care hospitals in Ontario.

The cost at the Perley is about $170 a day per patient compared to the provincial average of about $236 a day.

Caplan told the legislature she is not ignoring the Perley's problems.

But Brandt said he was tired of Caplan's "pat answers" to the problems created by hospital underfunding.

—Bruno Schlumberger, Citizen

Perforated hard top

Don't look now fella, but those high steppin' spike heels might improve your car's ventilation. Actually, the feet are on a billboard and the car was waiting for a traffic light to change on Gladstone.

City kills Britannia proposal

By Ron Eade
Citizen staff writer

The proposed redevelopment of Britannia Park is dead.

After months of stormy public debate, Ottawa Council voted unanimously Wednesday to kill plans for Citicom Inc. to spend up to $8 million on the west-end park. In return, Citicom was to be allowed some commercial development.

Aldermen predicted the park may sit on the city's work list for 10 years before a redevelopment scheme surfaces.

Residents opposed to commercial development chalked up an unqualified win.

"It's a great victory not only for Britannia Park Coalition but for all of Ottawa," said Simon MacDowall, co-chairman of the residents' group.

Pat Hunsley, project co-ordinator for Citicom, estimated the company spent $100,000 preparing plans.

"It's a shame not to have it," Hunsley said. "It could have been a wonderful facility."

As 50 Britannia ratepayers looked on, ward Ald. Jim Jones conceded defeat by introducing the motion to scrap a project he wanted so badly.

"There is no question in my mind the community can see a need for improvements to Lakeside Gardens," Jones told council. "The only question I have is, who's going to pay to bring Lakeside Gardens up to standard?

"We are no further ahead now than we were six months ago."

Mayor Jim Durrell said he saw no point in continuing with plans for redevelopment because too many residents were dead-set against it.

Wellington Ald. Diane Holmes said the project was flawed the moment developers were asked to submit ideas before public input. That led to public cynicism for the process, she said, which Ottawa should never repeat.

Following proposals from Citicom, city staff in October recommended that new development should revolve around three information and interpretation centres. Citicom was to provide the heritage, nature and leisure centres, at no cost to the city.

In return, Citicom wanted to build two restaurants, a pub and a series of specialty shops in the Ottawa River park.

Letter gets there with hand-drawn stamp

By Joanne Laucius
Citizen staff writer

Jason Swann has proved even Canada Post has a soft spot for kids and their grandmothers.

The seven-year-old Orleans student sent a letter to his grandmother, minus a few necessities — her postal code, apartment number and even the stamp.

But the letter got to its London, Ont., destination in three days.

Jason
Frequent letters

"We always complain about the postal system. But there must be a lot of kind-hearted people along the line," Jason's mother, Betty, said today.

Jason, who has been writing frequent letters to his grandmother since his family moved to Orleans in January, said he just couldn't wait to send his letter with the packet usually sent by his family.

"It would take forever," he said. "My mother wasn't finished with her letter yet."

So, he addressed the letter, found a lawnchair to give him some extra height at the mailbox, and drew his own version of a stamp — a sketch of Super Mario, the computer-game character, with 'Canada' printed above him.

Jason said he wanted to thank his grandmother for her plans to visit him and his twin brother, Jonathon, on their birthday in December.

"I can't believe this came through the mail," said his grandmother Margaret Pruss, 68. "I know there are problems with the mail, but then something happens that makes you think someone out there must have a sense of humor."

Canada Post spokesman Laszlo Szabo said mail like Jason's letter would usually be returned to the sender. But in this case, postal employees probably noticed it was from a child and made an extra effort.

"We wouldn't invite all our customers to do it this way, but we receive all kinds of letters, especially around Christmas time," he said.

Jason's success has started a trend of unusual addressing techniques in the Swann family, said his mother. Sister Angela, 5, has been addressing her mail simply "Grandma Pruss."

CLOSE-UP

Artist creates winning Seals

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Having millions of copies of her art work mailed around the country intimidates Ottawa graphic designer Kelly Kyvelos just a bit.

But the real stress test for the 22-year-old happens this week when the 1989 Christmas Seals, bearing her designs, start arriving at households across Canada.

"It makes me a little nervous," Kyvelos said.

Kyvelos is the first Ottawa artist since 1972 to win the national Christmas Seals design contest, sponsored annually by the Canadian Lung Association. More than 70 designs were submitted.

The association hopes its Christmas Seal campaign, which began Wednesday, will raise $310,000 locally and $10 million nationally.

Kyvelos, a junior artist at an Ottawa design company, entered the contest last year when she was an Algonquin College graphic arts student. Her design won her $1,050.

Kyvelos said she picked the theme of children playing outdoors for her four Christmas Seal drawings because "kids always seem so healthy and pure. They inspire you to take care of yourself."

Kyvelos said her family will ensure she basks in limelight as they send letters to relatives in Greece.

"Every one of those letters is going to be covered in Christmas Seals," Kyvelos said. "My parents are so proud they've been telling anyone who will listen."

—Lynn Ball, Citizen

Kyvelos at Christmas Seals unveiling

Transplant girl's condition critical

Citizen staff

Jessica Dewar is rejecting her new heart.

The three-year-old Vankleek Hill girl rebounded Wednesday morning from a mild rejection of the heart she received Oct. 21.

But her health took a turn for the worse in the afternoon when she developed respiratory problems, said Ruth Derrick, a spokesman for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Jessica's condition has been downgraded to unstable and critical. There was no change this morning.

"She's now experiencing a rejection," said Derrick. "It's no longer mild.... It's treatable and our doctors are doing everything they can."

Jessica is continuing to receive strong doses of anti-rejection drugs. She has been hooked to a ventilator and intravenous in the hospital's intensive care unit. Her breathing, blood pressure and heart rate are all unstable.

Matters of fact

14-GAME STREAK: In 1987-88, the Ottawa Rough Riders were winless at home over a 14-game stretch, a CFL record. Yet in 1962-64, the Riders were unbeaten at home over 14 games.

Source: Rough Rider fact book.

Experts fail to solve insurance trap

DAVE BROWN
Citizen staff

BROWN'S BEAT

There were surprising reactions to this column Oct. 3, claiming insurance companies are dealing with marriage as if it were Siamese twinning.

A south-end woman saw her car insurance jump from about $600 a year to almost $2,500, although she had an unblemished driving record of more than 20 years.

Her problem was that her husband was convicted of impaired driving. Insurance companies say they are cracking down on drunk drivers. Although she has long had and driven her own car, and he no longer has a car or a licence to drive one, she was given no option to the higher rate.

When applying for insurance from other underwriters, all wanted to know who was her last insurer. A quick computer check turned up the fact she had been dropped by her previous insurance company, and turned over to facility insurance. All said, in effect, tough luck.

Facility is a high-risk pool in which all Ontario insurance companies must take part.

Five women responded to that column, crying: Me too. One man was caught in the impaired-marriage squeeze. A woman who recently moved with her husband from British Columbia saw her insurance jump from little more than $500 to $4,000 a year. She says it was a result of his B.C. conviction "and my stupidity."

She was just being honest when applying for Ontario insurance. When asked how many drivers in the family, she said one. When asked why her husband didn't drive, she answered truthfully and knocked herself into the facility insurance market.

Two insurance executives responded, saying the system seemed unfair and they would try to help the south-end woman. They were unable to help.

A third described himself as semi-retired and said the facts in the original story were all wrong; that it was the responsibility of the individual to shop around and get a reasonable price. He was asked whether he could help such searchers, and he said he could.

His name was given out to people caught in the car-marriage trap. One woman said he was unable to help her.

The problem, according to one executive, is that back somewhere a suspended driver-husband took wife's car and caused a lot of damage. A judge ruled the insurance company had to pay. The executive was unable to remember names, or when and where.

The situation puts a new strain on marriage. Most of those responding said they had been told their rates would return to normal if they separated from the impaired driver.

"I was told we would have to pay facility for six years before we again qualified for normal rates," said one woman. "That's close to $18,000 in our case. For that kind of money I can get a divorce, and a new car."

The original caller is taking her case to the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Legal cost-cutting

Determined to put together a shopping list of reliable lawyers, a group demanding changes in the legal system is about to challenge the Ottawa legal community.

Citizens Against Bad Law, formed a year ago by people who feel the legal system has developed into a machine that runs on money and often goes nowhere, has drawn up a contract. It next plans to survey all law firms in the capital, asking whether they would accept such a client-lawyer contract.

The result, says CABL founder **Tom Appleby**, could be two lists. On the recommended list would be those lawyers willing to accept a contract designed to protect the client from abuses. The other roll would list those opposed.

CABL meets regularly at the old courthouse at 2 Daly Ave. At its Monday, 6:45 p.m. meeting, the subject will be: "How to cut your legal costs." Speakers will include people who have successfully challenged lawyers' bills.

Appleby says CABL is currently working on behalf of several people who have cried foul about their treatment in the system. Meetings are open and there's a hotline at 771-0204.

Pot luck

Never was a partridge more eager to be cooked, says **Cathie Ballée**. Tuesday it crashed through the kitchen window of her Davidson home, near Beachburg, and landed dead in a frying pan three metres away.

But it didn't get cooked. The pan was soaking in soapy water in the sink, and she figured the soap taste would linger.

What she considers funny about the incident is that she works as a payroll clerk at Barrette-Fortin lumber mill in her town. She is surrounded by men who hunt.

"They go through miles of bush looking for a partridge. All I have to do is check my sink."

Local

Teen addicts may get local treatment

By Pat Bell
and Mike Blanchfield
Citizen staff writers

Teenage addicts in Ottawa-Carleton could have a treatment centre within 18 months.

The Ottawa committee of the Variety Club of Ontario has agreed to lead a fundraising drive to build a centre for youths suffering from drug and alcohol abuse.

Addicts are currently sent to private centres in the United States because there's no program in Ontario for those under 16.

The centre was a key recommendation of Ottawa Mayor Jim Durrell's task force on drug awareness.

Meanwhile the three-year-old volunteer group that's been building community support for the treatment of teen addicts could fold if it doesn't raise more money.

Youth Alcohol and Drug Community Action, a local resource group which co-ordinates referrals for teens, is in deep financial trouble, said director Jo MacFadden.

The group depends entirely on donations and community support. If funds can't be found, YADCA will have to close, said MacFadden.

"We're hanging on by the skin of our teeth," she said. The group's creditors "are being good to us" but the group is appealing to the public for funds.

But support group helping teens may fold if more money cannot be raised

It has a $50,000 deficit, but needs $100,000 in order to continue with new activities to raise its profile.

MacFadden used $50,000 of her own money to start up the group and rarely draws a salary. Four volunteers, who are putting in long hours, deserve to be paid, she said.

The youth drug problem has been recognized as serious by city and provincial governments, but there is still no government money for the work being done by community groups, she said.

"The increase in demand for our services by addicted youth and their parents is alarming, but the province wants all this to be totally voluntary."

Meanwhile, Albert Bates, who headed Durrell's task force, has been appointed chairman of a 12-member community board to oversee planning and construction of the treatment centre.

Bates is president of the Ottawa region's Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and is also a Variety Club director.

Variety club spokesman Don Cruikshank said Wednesday other members of the community board have yet to be named.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm in the business community to get behind this project," he said.

The treatment centre is expected to accommodate 40 teenagers and cost about $2.5 million to build. Operating costs are expected to be paid by the Ontario ministries of health and social services.

"We've been sending at least three kids per week to the United States and the OHIP bill is astronomical," said MacFadden.

"We're run off our feet with parents calling for help. In the last two weeks, there have been a dozen cases heading south."

She said each teenager usually stays about 35 days at the Minneapolis centre.

Without adequate after-care, the relapse rate is about 80 per cent, MacFadden said.

She said government funding is needed not only for operating the new treatment centre, but also to provide a network of out-patient services to refer teens to the centre and then provide ongoing support after treatment.

Agency's top job open to fired worker

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

A social worker fired by the Catholic Family Service of Ottawa-Carleton would be considered for the agency's top job if she applied, says the group's president.

Geraldine Roe said Wednesday Pauline Van Lammers, who was given $85,000 in severance pay, is "more than welcome to apply" for the position which came open Tuesday after the agency sacked its executive director.

"In terms of the vacancy, we won't automatically give it to Pauline," said Roe, who is president of the agency's board of directors. "There will be a selection process and we wouldn't bar anyone."

Van Lammers, 56, had worked for the agency for 29 years and was assistant executive director when fired in July.

She said Wednesday she really hadn't thought about seeking the job of director. "I'd have to think very seriously about it."

George Caldwell, a Toronto social services management consultant, was brought in to review Catholic Family Service operations in the wake of a furor caused by the ousting of Van Lammers in July executive director Louis Leclair.

Caldwell's report, received by the agency's board of directors Friday, recommended Leclair be fired.

Rick McLellan, a member of the board of directors, has taken leave from his job as administrator of the Canadian Armed Forces social work program to be executive director until a replacement is found.

Roe said the agency, which provides marital, family and mental health counselling, is finally on the road to recovery after months of turmoil.

She said management will now have to work to rebuild staff confidence.

Bill Zimmerman, executive director of the Ottawa-Carleton United Way, called the board's decision "a difficult one to make but sensible." He said the directors had the full support of the United Way which provides almost 50 per cent of the agency's funding.

Caldwell's report, obtained by the *Citizen*, said the staff was in open revolt rejecting the leadership of Leclair and his three supervisors.

Staff resentment of Leclair stemmed largely from his background as a professional administrator rather than a social worker attuned to their work.

Warming up

—Wayne Cuddington, Citizen

Cooler weather and threatening skies don't deter David Currie, 17, who rollerskates along an open stretch of Corkstown Road in Nepean to get in shape for the upcoming cross-country ski season.

Haydon hints at delay of transitway to Kanata

By Doug Yonson
Citizen staff writer

The region may have to delay extension of the transitway to Kanata if that city can't decide quickly where its town centre will be, says Regional Chairman Andy Haydon.

But Kanata Mayor Des Adam said Haydon is just trying to find a reason to defer transitway extensions so a downtown bus tunnel can be built first.

Adam said he has been pressing the region for several years to determine the transitway alignment through Kanata but it is dragging its heels on the work.

Haydon told a meeting of the OC Transpo commission Wednesday that a recent decision by Kanata to move a proposed regional shopping centre to the north side of the Queensway calls into question the city's ability or willingness to commit itself to a land-use plan in its city centre.

The city centre boundaries, straddling the Queensway between Katimavik and Campeau Roads and Eagleson Road and Terry Fox Drive, have been known since at least 1978, when Kanata became a city. The regional shopping centre, a key factor in the routing of a transitway, had been expected to simply be an enlarged Kanata Town Centre, which is south of the Queensway.

But the city changed its official plan last month to move the proposed shopping centre and now expects the regional centre to be located on the north side of the Queensway at Terry Fox Drive.

The region cannot decide which side of the Queensway to locate the transitway if such major changes are possible, Haydon said.

Once the initial 31-kilometre transitway inside the greenbelt is completed about 1993, the region will be under pressure to expand it beyond the greenbelt, to Kanata on the west, Barrhaven on the south and Orleans on the east. In addition, it may want to begin work on a costly transit tunnel across the downtown core.

Haydon said concept plans for Barrhaven and Orleans have firmly determined the transitway corridors so that land along the route can be protected and proposed stations can be integrated into commercial developments.

The region can't do that in Kanata as long as it does not feel confident about that city's plans, he said.

Adam, however, said the broad plans for Kanata's commercial core have been clear since 1978. The city centre is to straddle the Queensway and the transitway should travel on the north side, he said.

The decision to relocate the shopping centre simply confirms that judgment, Adam said, because it has become clear that the existing "town centre" south of the Queensway is a failure because it is hard to reach.

All that would have become clear if the region had conducted its long-planned study where to locate a transit terminal in Kanata, Adam said. He said he has been pressing for it for several years.

Eastern leg under budget

By Doug Yonson
Citizen staff writer

Six months early and several million dollars under budget, the eastern leg of the transitway will open for full service late this month.

The extension, from Michael Street to east of Blair Road along the north side of the Queensway, is 3.8 kilometres long. Although budgeted at about $50 million, it will cost several million dollars less, said the region's transitway director, Ian Stacey.

A 2.1-kilometre stretch, from Michael Street to the Gloucester Centre at Blair Road, opened in June.

Since then, work has continued on the transitway station at Blair Road, a controversial $2-million pedestrian overpass from the station to office complexes on the south side of the Queensway paid by the City of Gloucester, and a 1.7-kilometre extension east of Blair Road.

OC Transpo will begin using the new extension around the end of the month. It includes a bridge under Blair Road and, at the extreme east end, an overpass across the Queensway to allow eastbound buses to get on the Queensway quickly.

A small station at Cyrville Road will be built next year.

Stacey said the project was under budget and ahead of schedule "because of good work by all concerned." Tenders were issued quickly, contractors began work on time and no major complications were encountered.

COMMUNITIES

KANATA
Haydon faces residents in bearpit session

Kanata residents will have a chance to question Regional Chairman Andy Haydon tonight in the first of a second series of "bearpit" sessions.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in Kanata Council Chambers on Katimavik Road. The meeting is the first of seven sessions across the region to discuss regional issues with the public.

Rob Dolan, a public relations officer for the region, said residents may want to discuss the extension of the transitway to Kanata. Ald. Judy Hunter said the transitway is a major issue in Kanata because it takes too long to get to work on the Queensway.

Other meetings are planned at West Carleton High School, Nov. 9; Walter Baker Sports Centre, Nov. 15; the Ukrainian Hall on Byron Avenue, Nov. 21; Cumberland Township Hall, Nov. 23; Greely Community Centre in Osgoode, Nov. 30 and Goulbourn Township Hall, Dec. 4.

OTTAWA
Bus-only route to be dropped

OC Transpo will phase out use of a bus-only roadway in the Greenboro area of Ottawa because it no longer serves the intended purpose.

A long-planned busway running west from Conroy Road will not be built, and an existing eight-year-old bus-only route between Lorry Greenberg and Cahill drives will be abandoned once the transitway is extended south to Hunt Club Road by about 1993.

The transit commission agreed to the change Wednesday after hearing that regional and Ottawa planners agree the subdivision's growth has not followed the original plan.

When Greenboro was planned about a decade ago, residents were expected to be heavy transit users. High-density housing was planned along the busway corridor. By incorporating the busway, extensive pathways and circuitous local roads, planners hoped to discourage the car in favor of mass transit.

SERVING CITIZENS
Children's Aid Society needs volunteer help

The Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-Carleton is seeking volunteers to help operate its programs in the area.

Society spokesman Valerie Bruneau said the organization needs 30 to 50 adult volunteers to help the children who come under its care.

The society needs tutors to help children with school work, case workers to help parents, adult friends and drivers to take children to nursery school, medical appointments and family visits.

Bruneau said some volunteers may have experience in social work, psychology or teaching, but no special training is needed for many positions.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can call 737-1801 for more information.

VANIER
Culture society to renovate building

The Institut Culturel et Social de Vanier is planning $2.8-million worth of renovations to its building at 270 Marier Rd.

Charles Lavergne, a spokesman for the recreation and cultural centre said construction is to start in April and will be completed by the fall of 1990.

The organization raises money for charitable projects and provides recreation activities and a meeting place for Vanier's French-speaking residents.

Lavergne said a consultant's study recommended renovations to the centre's bowling alley, offices, banquet hall and theatre so it could play a larger role in the city's francophone community.

The institute will seek provincial government grants to pay part of the cost of the project. It will start a public fundraising campaign in January to pay for the improvements.

GLOUCESTER
Recreation fees raised to match costs

Gloucester is planning to increase its recreation fees by five to 12.5 per cent to pay for increased costs.

The Gloucester Recreation Centres Board has recommended a $1 fee for senior citizens participating in unorganized programs such as public swimming. Seniors now swim at city pools for free. Adult swim fees would increase to $1.60 from $1.50.

Fees for swim clubs using city pools would increase to $36 an hour from $32 an hour, a jump of 12.5 per cent. Brian Futterer, a recreation department spokesman, said the increase is needed because the city must pay 45 per cent more for water this year.

Regular group fees for arenas would increase to $77 an hour from $72. Summer arena fees would increase to $57 an hour from $53.

KANATA
Developers to discuss plans for Bridlewood

Three developers will discuss their plans for Bridlewood at a public information session Sunday.

The information day is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bridlewood Community Centre, 63 Bluegrass Drive.

Linda Makela, president of the Bridlewood Community Association, said Coscan, MacDonald Developments and Urbandale will discuss their plans for the neighborhood for the next two years.

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Kent charges council shirking duty on language

By Ron Eade
Citizen staff writer

Ottawa Ald. Darrel Kent says council "shirked" its responsibility Wednesday by not dealing forcefully with Quebec's language law when it had the chance.

Council voted down Kent's motion expressing concern for Quebec's Bill 178 banning English on outdoor signs and "the denial of human rights" of Ottawa's anglophones who work and shop in Quebec. Instead, council adopted a milder version that "reaffirms our belief in a bilingual country."

"I'm very disappointed," said Kent, who left council chambers to avoid voting on what he called a "motherhood" motion proposed by Marc Laviolette, the city's only francophone alderman.

Ald. Michael McSweeney supported Laviolette's motion "reluctantly," but added the proper time to address Quebec language legislation was when it was proclaimed more than a year ago.

At the previous council meeting, Kent drew national media attention by suggesting the city disband its advisory committee on official languages to protest Quebec's treatment of its anglophone minority.

Wednesday, Laviolette said Kent's motion was "too negative," and that a more "positive" statement to reaffirm Ottawa's support for bilingualism would better further the cause of national unity.

Laviolette was supported by Mayor Jim Durrell and aldermen McSweeney, Lynn Smyth, George Brown, Jamie Fisher, Diane Holmes, Nancy Smith and Mark Maloney. Voting against were aldermen Joan O'Neill, George Kelly, Tim Kehoe, Jacquelin Holzman.

Canada

Tory MP urges partial refugee amnesty

Immigration backlog could take 15 years, $500M to clear

By Iain Hunter
Citizen staff writer

The Conservative chairman of the Commons immigration committee suggested Thursday a partial amnesty may be necessary to clear up Canada's refugee backlog.

Jean-Pierre Blackburn bluntly called "ludicrous" Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall's two-year timetable for processing the more than 100,000 in the backlog.

He suggested it might take up to 15 years at the present rate of progress and could cost "half a billion dollars" rather than the $100 million originally budgeted.

The usually-taciturn committee chairman erupted at the end of a meeting at which a delegation of Montreal refugee aid agencies described the suffering inflicted on claimants caught in the backlog.

As a group of Toronto agency representatives had testified Tuesday, the Montreal delegation protested claimants are being "tortured" by repeated delays. Some have families in danger in their homelands.

Blackburn said it's obvious the backlog process is "going nowhere" and that the committee has a duty to recommend a solution to McDougall quickly so it can be speeded up.

In an interview later, the Tory MP said he will ask other committee members whether they feel they should go to Toronto or Montreal to see for themselves how the refugees are being put through the backlog clearance.

Blackburn said he is not in favor of a blanket amnesty for claimants in the backlog which some estimates put as high as 124,000. It is made up of those who claimed refugee status between 1986 and Jan. 1 of this year when the new refugee screening procedure became effective.

The chairman said the committee might have to "look seriously" at recommending an amnesty for claimants from countries where war, insurrection or human rights abuses are recognized dangers.

Mathilde Marchand, of the Canadian Council for Refugees, told MPs that since Jan. 1 claimants from these countries — such as Iran, Sri Lanka, El Salvador, Lebanon and Somalia — have been processed quickly and allowed to stay. But if claimants from these countries happen to be in the pre-Jan. 1 backlog, she said, they are put through "three years of torture" before their cases are decided.

Marchand estimated an amnesty for these claimants would cut the backlog nearly in half with corresponding savings in time and money.

She said that of the 35,000 in the backlog in Quebec, 33 per cent are claimants with wives and children living in danger at home or in third countries.

Officials will not begin processing the families of refugee claimants until the claimants are granted permanent residence in Canada. But as MPs were told earlier this week, there are no regulations so far to give permanent status to any of the nearly 1,500 who have been accepted as refugees by the backlog process.

Ontario rebuffs Meech critics

By Mike Trickey
Southam News

TORONTO — The government of Ontario ripped into Manitoba on Thursday for a report that strikes "directly at the heart" of the Meech Lake constitutional accord.

Attorney General Ian Scott told the legislature none of Manitoba's six recommended changes to the accord address fundamental flaws and three of them would undermine three of the five proposals on which the agreement is based.

Scott also said that while Ontario did not fully agree with New Brunswick's Meech Lake suggestions, it recognized that those observations were made in the context of accepting the five Quebec conditions.

Manitoba and New Brunswick, the only provinces that have yet to ratify the accord, last week released task force reports on the accord.

"There is no impropriety in suggesting improvements to the accord," Scott said Thursday.

"But if such suggestions do not attract unanimous approval, then, given the importance of the fundamental goal of constitutional reconciliation, no party should, without great care and thought for our future as a nation, make them preconditions for its agreement to the accord as a whole."

The Ontario report was especially critical of Manitoba's opposition to ratifying the deal unless the clause giving Quebec powers to protect its "distinct society" is changed, revisions are made to the federal spending powers section and Senate reform is not to be subject to unanimous provincial approval.

Scott argued that the distinct society provision does not confer new powers on Quebec but safeguards the rights of linguistic minorities in and outside of Quebec.

While admitting Ontario would prefer a more comprehensive list of fundamental Canadian characteristics than just Quebec's distinct society and Canada's linguistic duality, Scott said that hardly constitutes a flaw of such import that the accord should be scuttled.

— CP photo

Milk testers protest

John Vanderwielen leads Annabelle as about 60 milk testers demonstrate at the Ontario Legislature in Toronto Thursday. The workers, employees of the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Corp., have been without a contract since Dec. 31. They are protesting what they say is a lack of action in contract negotiations.

Marrow list gives hope to victims of leukemia

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

The success of a pilot program in Ottawa has led to the establishment of a national registry of bone marrow donors that will give new hope to leukemia patients.

The $2.25-million program announced today will be based in Vancouver and will list 50,000 non-related potential donors within the next three years, said Red Cross spokesman Marcel Chartrand.

Chartrand said the registry of non-related donors is badly needed as only 40 per cent of leukemia patients can find relatives suitable to donate bone marrow. Transplants tend to be more successful if the bone marrow comes from a relative.

"There are a lot of people left out," Chartrand said. "This gives them hope."

There are already 8,000 potential donors — 1,200 from the Ottawa area — listed in the Red Cross registry based on pilot programs that have been operating in Ottawa and Vancouver since 1987.

About 600 people in Canada are eligible for transplants.

He said there have already been 30 unrelated bone marrow transplants performed in Canada with a "fairly good success rate."

The 17 Red Cross centres across the country will contribute names to the registry.

Dowson's suicide heightens police stress, says expert

By Maria Bohuslawsky
Citizen staff writer

WINNIPEG — The suicide of city police Insp. Ken Dowson has prompted more and more police officers to seek help for job-related stress, according to a City of Winnipeg psychologist.

"There has been tremendous stress on the department and individual members," Dr. Bill Davis told an inquest Thursday into Dowson's death.

He said the increase in the number of officers seeking help for job-related stress since the suicide has been "dramatic." And, in the last year, the number of officers who've sought counselling as a result of traumatic incidents has tripled.

Davis, whose practice covers all city employees, normally has about four cases of post-traumatic stress a year. So far this year, there have been about a dozen cases.

Much of the anxiety facing police was caused by the fatal shooting of native leader J.J. Harper in March 1988 and by the provincial inquiry which arose out of the shooting, he said.

Dowson killed himself with a single shot to his head with his service revolver in his basement Sept. 20, just hours before he was scheduled to testify at the inquiry.

Davis said he's pleased about the greater willingness on the part of police officers to seek help.

"I'm very glad it's happening," he said. "I definitely think stress will cause more premature deaths than bullets."

Davis pointed out that the stress experienced by one person can affect the organization in which he works.

"Stress is definitely contagious," he said. "If someone has been traumatically stressed . . . inevitably the proceedings surrounding that event affect a lot of people."

Davis said that one of the many reasons for Dowson's suicide was the prospect of public humiliatation at the hands of the media covering the inquiry. Dowson was the senior officer on duty when the investigation into Harper's death began.

The police officer, said Davis, was incensed at the reporting of shortcomings in the department and knew he would face the same scrutiny. "That would be particularly humiliating to him."

Davis, who never met Dowson, pieced together a diagnosis based on his four-page suicide letter and conversations with his fellow officers.

Dowson, 43, had been plagued by feelings of worthlessness, inadequacy, guilt, self-castigation and depression, the psychologist said.

Davis, who once worked with Vietnam war veterans in a suicide prevention unit, recommended the police department implement a full-time, independent counsellor and establish a stress training program.

He said the city's existing employee assistance program was not reaching the upper echelons of the police department and the officers handling major crimes, who are at greatest risk.

Judge Charles Rubin, who presided over the inquest, said he hoped something good would come of the three days of often-riveting testimony.

Quebec judge orders 90-day halt to shipping PCB waste to Manic 2

BAIE-COMEAU, Que. (CP) — PCB waste left over from a warehouse fire in St-Basile-le-Grand cannot be shipped to Hydro-Quebec's Manic 2 site for a period of 90 days, a Quebec Superior Court judge ruled Thursday.

In August, the provincial government chose Manic 2, north of Baie-Comeau, as a temporary home for 1,500 tonnes of the PCB waste. But residents of the town responded with court actions, and so far only 360 tonnes of the waste have made it to Manic 2.

Mr. Justice Jacques Dufour's order was a condition of postponing the hearing of a request for an injunction to stop PCB storage at Manic 2.

A coalition of 50 residents in the Baie-Comeau area are seeking a permanent injunction that would force Hydro-Quebec to rid Manic 2 of PCB waste and forbid the Quebec government from transporting any more waste to the site.

Guy Bertrand, the lawyer for the citizens' group, said he considers the ruling a victory, even though the judge refused his request to proceed with the case immediately.

Justice Dufour's order against further shipments to Manic 2 has the same effect as a temporary injunction, he said. "The people of the coalition are very happy."

Environment Minister Pierre Paradis said Thursday that he will announce within 20 days what the government plans to do with the St-Basile waste.

"The position of the government is that PCBs produced in Quebec should be destroyed in Quebec," he said in an interview.

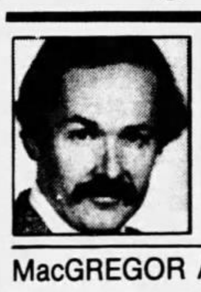
In August, two shiploads of PCBs destined for destruction in Wales were turned back by British port officials.

Earlier this week in Baie-Comeau, Hydro-Quebec and the Quebec government asked Justice Dufour to postpone hearing the injunction request. An amended request submitted to the court by Bertrand Oct. 16 required more preparation time, they said.

In his ruling, the judge said "the recent amendment gives the legal debate started in August 1989 much more considerable depth."

There is no fixed date to begin hearing the injunction request, but Andre Lavoie, a lawyer for Hydro-Quebec said he would be surprised if it started before the new year.

True North is getting the Tory cold shoulder



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MacGREGOR AT LARGE

It has taken some time to build up.

It may take forever to be heard.

But it is significant that, in recent days, politicians from all three parties have been asking versions of the same disturbing question.

What does this government have against the North?

What makes this question all the more disturbing is that it is asked of the party of John Diefenbaker, a prime minister who, despite his faults, offered Canadians one of the few genuine visions since Confederation.

"I see a new Canada!" he shouted back in 1958.

"A Canada of the North!"

If he could see what is happening today to that dream, the jowls would ripple like a Union Jack at half mast.

For if Diefenbaker's vision isn't dead, it is surely being smothered by those he left behind.

Tory backbencher Guy St-Julien wants a few answers to his questions on Canada Post.

Mail rates to the North are going up an average of 32 per cent on Nov. 13.

No debate, no time for protest — nothing but a curt announcement that new rates are now the law.

Canada Post says it's not its fault. The blame lies with the federal government, which has decided to put an end to isolation and hardship subsidies.

The $17 million that was intended to enable northerners to bring in perishable food fast enough and cheap enough to be of nutritional value is being phased out.

A grocery bill for a family of five in Pond Inlet, N.W.T., will soar from $1,300 a month to $1,600 a month.

Spring water that had to be flown in to certain Indian villages where six children died from contaminated well water may now be too expensive for the people to afford.

Liberal Jack Anawak, the MP for Nunatsiaq, also has a few questions about postal rates to the Arctic community of Broughton Island.

If the figures he recently received are accurate, a loaf of bread will cost $4.49 as of Nov. 13, compared with today's price of $3.45. Five pounds of potatoes will cost $10.37 compared with $7.98 today — and $1.69 in Ottawa.

He would like to know why.

But Anawak, like St-Julien, is not getting any answers.

Nor, for that matter, is New Democrat MP Cid Samson, whose Timmins-Chapleau riding in Northern Ontario is about to be deemed sub-tropical by this government.

That's the only acceptable explanation Samson can come up with since Finance Minister Michael Wilson's task force on northern tax benefits concluded that only "truly northern areas" should be eligible for such hardship benefits.

The way it is now, people living in isolated communities from the high Arctic to, say, White River in Samson's riding, have been able to claim a tax deduction of up to $5,400 solely on the basis of where they happened to live.

John Diefenbaker would have approved of the original intent behind such a generous benefit: it attracted people North to jobs and made sure they stayed there.

Michael Wilson, however, would dearly love to get his hands on this money.

His task force has been most accommodating, returning a report last week that would mark out a clear "northern zone." It would include a place like Moosonee and eliminate a place like White River, though White River's climate is actually harsher and, no offence meant, Moosonee has a bit more to offer.

Under the new demarcation lines, the riding of Timmins-Chapleau would not have a single eligible community.

No wonder MPs like Samson are beginning to ask what it is they did to offend this government.

They point to the stunning postal increases.

They point to the potential elimination of the tax credit for places like White River.

They point to changes in unemployment insurance claims that they say will severely cramp northern seasonal workers.

They point to the upcoming goods and services tax, which is certain to affect the north more harshly than anywhere else.

Just add nine per cent to a typical Northern air fare and you will immediately see why.

That's why, when Cid Samson says this government "is on a vendetta to wipe out the North," he may be speaking for far more than his own constituency.

Or even his own party.

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Local

NCC lease cost BNR $9.5M

Company gets use of 300 acres of greenbelt land for 99 years

By Doug Yonson
Citizen staff writer

Bell Northern Research paid $9.5 million for a 99-year lease on 300 acres of National Capital Commission greenbelt land beside BNR's headquarters on Moodie Drive in Nepean.

The cost of the land deal, which was never made public, is outlined in an order-in-council, dated Sept. 30, 1988 — the same day the lease was announced.

Ken Rubin, an independent researcher into public policy, uncovered the document during a recent search of records at the Privy Council office.

His search also revealed terms of the land swap that will allow the NCC to acquire 28 acres of sensitive wetlands beside Stony Swamp in Kanata.

Under the lease, BNR will use about 200 of the 300 acres to consolidate its laboratories in Ottawa-Carleton. The rest will include open space, playing fields and a wetland.

Although BNR has paid the cash, the lease has not yet been signed. NCC spokesman Hélène Bourret said only a few small details had to be finalized.

The lease requires BNR to meet design criteria set by the NCC, including the use of mostly low-rise buildings with a lot of green space, to respect the environmental sensitivities of the greenbelt.

Kanata Mayor Des Adam, a critic of the land lease, said he doesn't have the real estate expertise to evaluate the deal. But he said the deal's secrecy raises legitimate doubts about its propriety.

"For 99 years, it doesn't sound like very much money."

Adam reiterated his view that the deal was a misuse of the greenbelt. "That was not why the greenbelt was expropriated in the first place."

Veteran land appraiser Alex Fitzsimmons, president of A.H. Fitzsimmons & Co. Ltd., said the price, nearly $32,000 an acre, compares favorably with a sale last year, at $24,000 an acre, of more than 100 acres of industrial land near Woodroffe Avenue and Strandherd Road, in Nepean's next industrial park.

Ian Hogg, manager of the Ottawa office of J.J. Barnicke Ltd., called the price "not out of line today, probably dead in the middle of the market range." He said BNR would likely be able to use only 40 per cent of the land.

Another order in council reveals that the NCC will give two properties in the Byward Market area of Ottawa to Urbandale Realty in exchange for cash and 28 acres of land Urbandale owns near Stony Swamp.

One property, on Boteler and Bolton streets behind the Ottawa Separate School Board headquarters, is now vacant. The other, 256 King Edward at Murray, contains a two-storey office building.

Urbandale will also pay the NCC $810,000.

Urbandale vice-president Peter Burns said the company expects to build condominium apartments on the sites. The deal has not yet closed but Burns said the terms are set.

The NCC is currently trying to expropriate another 49 acres near the Urbandale land from two developers, Coscan Limited and Douglas MacDonald Development Corp.

NCC nets $6.7M in land sales in 18 months

The NCC has earned $6.7 million in land sales in the last 18 months. The commission has been selling off surplus land to offset federal budget cuts.

The sales include:

- The heritage property containing the Ferme Columbia restaurant on St. Joseph Street in Hull, for $800,000.
- 41 York Street, a former retail cookware store, for $700,000.
- The purchase by Lycée Claudel of its long-time building on Riverside Drive, for $3.3 million.
- The purchase by the city of Vanier of 20 acres of land, to be used mostly for parks and playgrounds, for $1.3 million.
- Two acres of land on Jasper Avenue in Ottawa's south end, to Properinvest Canada Ltd. for $660,000.

Sex assault left woman in hospital 7 weeks

By Elizabeth Payne
Citizen staff writer

A woman whose bowel was perforated by a sexual assault testified Thursday the man who assaulted her said he was a doctor and recommended sexual intercourse to help cure a previous injury.

As a result of injuries during the August 1988 assault, the Ottawa woman required three operations to repair her bowel and was in hospital for seven weeks. In addition, she came down with peritonitis, a life-threatening abdominal infection.

Jerome Kraftcheck is charged with aggravated sexual assault and unlawful confinement in connection with the incident.

The victim testified she met Kraftcheck, whom she did not know, in a Montreal Road restaurant early on the morning of Aug. 7. When she left on foot, he offered to take her to another restaurant for breakfast and then drove her to his apartment.

The woman, who had been treated for a pelvis fracture two years earlier, said Kraftcheck told her he was a doctor and suggested sexual intercourse "might make my pelvis better.

"I didn't know what to believe," she said. "He told me he was a doctor."

At his Preslin Road apartment, she said, he assaulted her twice with a sexual aid.

She said a pillow was held over her head during one of the assaults to muffle her screams.

After Kraftcheck fell asleep, the woman testified, she called the 911 emergency number to report she had been raped. Then she lay down on the couch to wait for the ambulance "because I was too weak" to stand.

Investigating officer Sgt. Richard Raymond testified he met the victim at Riverside Hospital where she seemed agitated. She refused treatment and refused to talk to police. She signed herself out of the hospital, but returned later the same day and was transferred to Ottawa General Hospital where she had emergency surgery to repair her bowel.

Dr. J.B. Taillefer, who operated on the woman, said he has only seen one or two bowel injuries as severe during 28 years of practice — one of those was the result of a man being run over by a bus.

Taillefer said the woman's bowel had a six-centimetre perforation.

Raymond said police seized sexual aids from Kraftcheck's apartment.

During his investigation, he also spoke with a woman he described as "a possible previous victim."

That woman also accused Kraftcheck of assaulting her with a sexual aid and "causing her great pain," Raymond said. She also saw a doctor because she thought she had been injured.

The woman, who told Raymond she was frightened of Kraftcheck, did not press charges.

The trial, before District Court Judge Pierre Mercier, continues today.

Matters of fact

TONNES OF FOOD: The Ottawa Food Bank distributed 585 tonnes of food in the year ending Sept. 1, 1989. It now serves 90 agencies that feed the poor in the Ottawa-Hull area.

Source: Ottawa Food Bank.

—Pat McGrath, Citizen

200 Algonquin College students urged teachers to do whatever it takes to end strike

Angry students rally against strike

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Two hundred angry students had a simple message Thursday for striking teachers and Algonquin College administrators: Do whatever it takes but get us back in the classroom.

The students, chanting "No education, no future," marched around Woodroffe Campus gathering for a rally against the 16-day-old strike only 60 metres from picketing teachers.

"We don't care what needs to be done," Algonquin student association president Stephen Kennedy told marchers. "Just get us back into class tomorrow."

Kennedy gave Stan Goldner, president of the teachers' union local, a petition demanding both sides settle their differences immediately.

Goldner said he would pass the petition on to the teachers' negotiating committee. The committee returned Thursday to the bargaining table with the Council of Regents which represents the province's 22 community colleges.

The teachers walked off the job Oct. 18 for higher wages, job security and protection of their sick-leave benefits.

Kennedy told the marchers they should show the provincial government they are serious about demanding an early end to the strike by picketing MPPs' constituency offices.

But some students said even if the dispute is settled quickly, co-operative work programs set up for some courses may be in jeopardy.

A small group of students broke away from the rally and joined the teachers on the strike line. Some, like recreation leadership student Jackie Desrochers, are trying to organize a student-teacher solidarity picket.

Desrochers said unless students support the teachers and "send a message to the stinking government" the strike will continue.

CLOSE-UP

Unlikely activists beat city hall

By Ron Eade
Citizen staff writer

Simon MacDowall and Maureen Adamache never thought of themselves as community activists. They didn't even vote in last November's municipal election.

But by February the two had formed Britannia Park Coalition, one of Ottawa's most successful ratepayer groups.

They were jolted into action by proposed commercial development of Britannia Park by private developer Citicom Inc.

> "This shows you can fight city hall."
>
> —**Jim Durrell**
> Ottawa mayor

MacDowall, a National Defence public affairs officer, and Adamache, a tax lawyer, felt a hotel, convention centre and stores would spoil the 57-acre park only two blocks from their homes.

"As soon as you take away areas set aside for green space and recreation, then you defeat the purpose of the park," MacDowall said. "This wasn't just a local issue: If this succeeded it would set a precedent for other city parks."

Their lobbying paid off Wednesday when Ottawa Council unanimously killed the proposed redevelopment in the face of so much community opposition.

"This shows you can fight city hall," said Mayor Jim Durrell.

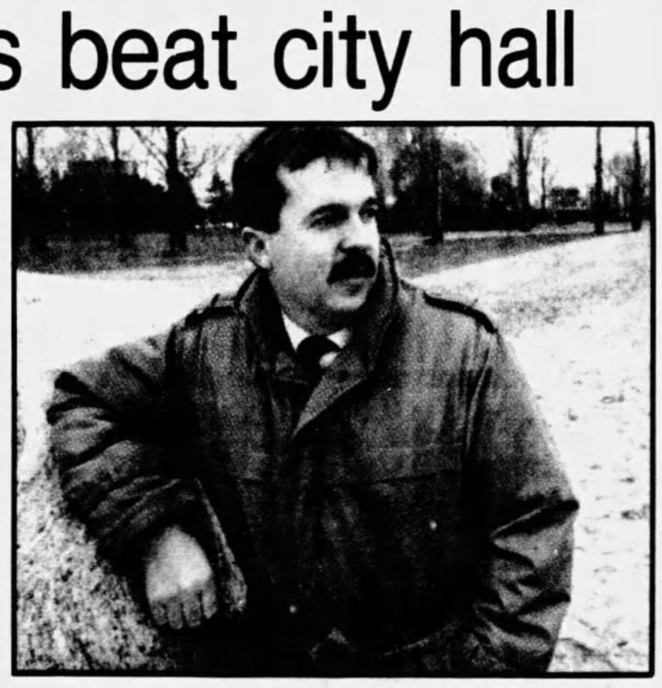
"It was a victory," MacDowall said later. "The mayor is right, you can fight city hall. It's just too bad it has to be done in such an adversarial way."

The coalition was born in February in Adamache's living room, where 20 residents gathered after reading development plans in the newspaper.

By the time council voted on the issue, the coalition counted more than 200 dues-paying members in its ranks.

MacDowall recalls his first task was to prepare a press release outlining the issues. Then he helped circulate 2,000 leaflets to advertise a February meeting, when the developer was scheduled to show the community his ideas.

About 400 angry residents showed up. The meeting soon turned into a shouting match as ratepayers denounced what became known as Coney Island North.



—Chris Mikula, Citizen

MacDowall opposed Britannia Park development

By April the coalition gathered 5,300 names on a petition and a steering committee solicited endorsements from 30 community and special interest groups.

Meanwhile, background papers had to be written. Speeches had to be given to community groups. Presentations had to be made to committees.

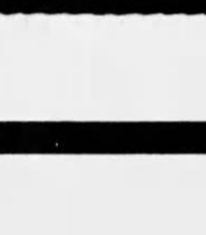
"There were weeks when it took a tremendous amount of time," MacDowall said. "It placed a strain on our home life . . . We were starting to burn out."

Said Adamache: "I'd never done anything like this before. It's a big chunk out of your life."

Despite council's decision Wednesday, MacDowall said the coalition can't afford to disband now. It will continue to act as watchdog for Britannia Park.

"You have to remember you're not powerless," Adamache said. "Everybody has the power to change things if they get involved . . . You must be persistent."

Social service system fails to aid woman



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BROWN'S BEAT

Has anybody seen the SARC Report that was born last year and touted as the answer to the woes of Ontario's antiquated social services system? The one that was going to be implemented in stages?

The report put its finger on situations like the one **Judith Fyke** is caught in, and said it was time for change.

The 42-year-old Bayswater Avenue woman needs just a little help over the next few months so she can finish her computer course and go to work.

The system says it will keep her on welfare for the rest of her life, but nowhere is there a fund to help her help herself.

The situation:

After spending some 20 years working in minimum-wage jobs in steamy laundries, Fyke earlier this year said: Enough.

She went to Algonquin College and entered the "Focus for Change" program funded by the Employment and Immigration Department. She took some tests and qualified for training as a computer operator. People talked about jobs available in that field, paying as much as $12 an hour, and she started to dream. She also started to work hard at the course.

She began receiving Employment benefits of $136 a week. With her rent fixed at $334, living was going to be tight until she completed the course at the end of the year. But she thought she could make it.

Oops, said the system. There was an overpayment of benefits and she must pay back the money. Fyke says she noticed extra money but assumed they knew what they were doing at the other end.

To repay the system, her weekly income was shorted to the tune of $34, leaving her at $102 a week. She can still pay the rent, but she can't afford to eat.

She approached welfare and asked for help for a couple of months. Sorry. Not while she was being paid by Employment. However, when that ran out, the welfare system would pay her $519 a month.

There is some good news.

Until the system of social services catches up with today, the only way anybody in Fyke's situation can hope for help is to find somebody in the system with the guts to bend rules. In bureaucratic circles it's called "discretionary authority."

In this case, we found Employment area manager **Martha Nixon**. She will have the payback dropped to $1 a week until Fyke completes her course.

Fat burning

It appears the capital is being bombarded by a mailing campaign pushing the latest miracle cure for overweight, and much of that mail is finding its way to this desk.

The scheme creates several puzzles. Small adhesive notes are stuck to each large page of promo. They seem to be always pink, and handwritten.

The handwriting is different on all half dozen that were sent here by angry receivers. But all the adhesive notes are signed "J" and J says she's having a fine time at Disney World. She also says the pill "really really" (underlined) works.

Individual receivers are puzzled by how word got as far as Florida that they needed diet pills and cellulite cream. And why is there such emphasis on phoning a toll-free number available seven days a week around the clock, and giving your credit card number?

And why is everybody passing the pushy pitch on to me? Is this a hint?

A warning often repeated in this column: Don't give a credit card number over the telephone.

Sixth man out

Geoff Brown of Gladstone Avenue likes to think of himself as a team player. But you can't be part of the team without a uniform, and there he has a problem.

He plays in the Ottawa Seniors Hockey League. His team is decked out in orange and black sweaters.

"Halloween colors," he says. He didn't think of that when it was hung on the line in back of his home just before Tuesday. It disappeared.

Problem. To get another one he has to order a dozen. The company that makes them won't set up the machinery for a smaller order.

He's hoping somewhere, somebody's parents will realize hockey sweater No. 6 wasn't found, bought or borrowed. He'd be a happy man if it just happened to appear on his front porch.

While on the subject of strange losses: Somebody found a trombone at a bus stop at Bank and Sunnyside. It belongs to the Ottawa Board of Education and was forgotten in a student's rush to catch her bus Oct. 12. It's in a case with "H10" in white letters.

It's a single-parent situation and if mother has to pony up $400 to replace it, there goes Christmas.

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Transpo probing 3 door accidents

By Ian Timberlake and David Pugliese
Citizen staff writers

An accident in which a teen died under the wheels of an OC Transpo bus Sunday was the third incident in seven months involving passengers caught in bus doors.

Ottawa police said Monday it's almost certain Jason Walsh, 18, was killed after his jacket draw-strings got caught in the doors, dragging him under the vehicle.

Six days earlier, Ryan Kelly, 13, was pulled a short distance along Baseline Road after his foot got caught in the rear doors of a bus. In April, passenger Marion Todd was hit on the side of the head when doors closed prematurely.

Both Todd and Kelly received minor injuries.

Oxana Sawka, a spokesman for OC Transpo, called the accidents "extremely rare occurrences" but said each is being investigated.

Walsh's brother, Julian, 19, said an investigation is warranted but "it won't bring my brother back." OC Transpo officials didn't apologize for the accident, he said.

The incidents involving Kelly and Todd happened on articulated buses. Walsh was killed while leaving a regular bus.

Police Insp. Jim Carroll said a mechanic will examine the brakes and doors of the bus under which Todd died. Coroner Dr. James Dickson said he'll decide later this week if an inquest will be held.

Bus doors don't open until the driver turns a handle, said Sawka. That activates a green light above the doors and locks the vehicle's brakes. When the light comes on, passengers step down, activating a switch to open the doors.

On articulated buses the doors slide open, Sawka said. The doors on most regular buses swing out but some must be pushed open. She said if someone is on the step the bus won't move.

Walsh
Death investigated

Sawka said all OC Transpo bus doors are checked every 28 days — six times more frequently than required by law.

Randy Graham, a union spokesman for OC Transpo drivers, said he doesn't believe the driver was at fault in the Walsh accident which happened shortly after midnight.

He declined comment on Ryan Kelly's accident.

But Larry Kelly, Ryan's father, said his son is lucky to be alive. "His head was inches from the rear wheel."

His son escaped serious injury after passengers saw what was happening and yelled for the driver to stop.

Kelly said two days after the accident, OC Transpo offered him $500 to pay for his son's damaged jacket and shoes. He refused the money.

Sawka would not confirm money was offered.

Todd was injured when rear bus doors closed on her prematurely, hitting her in the temple. She said the doors opened briefly then shut, pushing her into a metal pole near the exit.

Todd now refuses to leave articulated buses by the rear doors.

Guard pleads guilty to murder

By Mohammed Adam
Citizen staff writer

A Nepean man charged with first-degree murder in the death of a Northern Telecom employee pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Monday.

Richard Anthony Veinotte, 26, of Woodridge Crescent was charged with first-degree murder in May 1988 in the death of Jennifer Hanson.

Hanson, 22, was killed April 30 at Northern Telecom's Corkstown Road plant.

Hanson
Killed at work

In a tearful testimony in Ontario Supreme Court, Robert Barrie Hanson, the victim's father, described the family's devastation since her death.

"We are the victims. Everyone cries and cries, and day and night, the pain never stops," he said.

"When I see a baby or a little girl walking with her father, I think of Jennifer. Everybody is shattered. The pain is almost beyond what a human being can bear."

Hanson said their eight-year-old handicapped daughter, who was very close to the victim, wakes them in the middle of the night to ask for her sister. She can't accept the death. He said their 10-year-old son is so devastated he won't talk about the death.

"I want him to talk about it but when I ask him he just stares and says nothing."

He described Jennifer as a girl who was fun and always tried to do what is right.

"If somebody denied Jennifer her right to life . . . is it not right for that person to be denied his rights?" he said.

Nepean police Sgt. Rick Bowie, the investigating officer, told the court Jennifer's body was found near a stairway. She had head wounds and her shirt was soaked in blood.

An autopsy showed she had been strangled but there was no evidence of sexual assault.

Bowie said investigations revealed that on the evening of April 30, Veinotte, who was a security guard at the plant, was found by one of his colleagues cleaning something on the floor.

Veinotte said it was a stain but the colleague found it to be blood. The trail led to Jennifer's office and a search was mounted at the plant.

Bowie said police also found blood on Veinotte's clothes.

He said Veinotte was advised to come to work the following Monday, but he failed to show up. He was later found at home trying to commit suicide with a loaded gun.

Police talked him out of killing himself. A suicide note in which he took responsibility for the murder was found in his bedroom.

"I am ashamed of myself for what I have done. I don't know why I did it . . . I apologize to the family of Jennifer Hanson and to everyone I know," the note said.

In a psychiatrist's report entered into evidence, Veinotte said he strangled Hanson out of a sudden outburst of rage that had nothing to do with the victim.

He said the "intense feeling of anger" came suddenly and unpredictably after only a casual conversation with Hanson. Acting on impulse, he grabbed her and started choking her.

When she fell unconscious, he choked her again out of fear. He then took her body to the stairway and left her there.

The report said Veinotte suffers from "intermittent explosive disorder," a condition that brings on sudden outbursts of rage. But it said he was fully aware of what he was doing and there was no evidence of any "psychiatric illness" that could have affected his ability to "appreciate the nature and consequences of what he was doing."

The hearing continued today.

—Paul Latour, Citizen

THREE AMIGOS: Andy Haydon, Jean Pigott, Jim Durrell at United Way roast/**Story B2**

Looking for money that isn't there

Funding shortfall threatens programs at seniors' centre

CLOSE-UP

By Sherri Barron
Citizen staff writer

Every morning, a little after nine, 91-year-old Adeline Chisholm stirs her arthritic body, reaches for her wooden canes, and begins the painstaking walk through the halls of the Glebe Centre.

In minutes, she'll arrive at Abbotsford House, which is attached to the Glebe Centre residence where she has lived for the past eight years. Abbotsford House is a seniors' centre that offers programs and services to hundreds of seniors in the region, from Tai Chi, bridge and indoor gardening, to foot care and dental clinics.

—Paul Latour, Citizen

Adeline Chisholm spends her days painting silk scarves

Chisholm's passion and physical limitations have drawn her to the artistic side of things. She spends her days weaving and painting long, billowy pieces of China silk with colorful dyes to create scarves.

"I have company here, and things to do," she said Monday, as she deftly drew the outline of tulips on silk. "It's better than being alone. They do a great deal to entertain us."

The programs are designed to stimulate seniors mentally and physically, says Glebe Centre administrator Susan LeConte. "A seniors' centre keeps older people active longer."

"There are people like Mrs. Chisholm, who never did anything like this before. If she hadn't discovered that she can work with her hands, and get pleasure, she might be sitting very bored and depressed. This gives her a reason to get up on to her aching legs and keep on going every day."

But the centre's programs are in jeopardy, says LeConte. The Glebe Centre is one of nine more agencies that have applied for funding from the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton. The region's United Way already provides funding to 51-member agencies.

The United Way has not yet evaluated all the new requests for funding, but it would be willing to fund the seniors' program at the Glebe Centre if it surpasses this year's goal of $10.85 million. As of Monday, the United Way was still short $1.02 million. The campaign ends Thursday.

The Glebe Centre has applied for about $35,000 to continue running the seniors' centre. The funding is needed because the revenue it generally takes in from an adjacent parking lot is being lost because a nursing home is to be constructed on the site early next year.

"United Way funding is critical to us," says LeConte. "If it doesn't come through, it will mean that we'll have to cut back on programs. We may have to charge more for some of our services. What we'll probably find is that seniors will stop coming."

Seniors will end up staying home and their health will deteriorate faster, says LeConte. That will result "in a higher cost to us all because they'll end up in more expensive forms of health care" such as hospitals.

Changing demographics indicate services for the elderly are going to become increasingly important, says Bill Zimmerman, executive director for the United Way of Ottawa-Carleton.

From 1971 to 1981, Ottawa-Carleton's population increased to 546,855 from 471,915, a growth of 15.8 per cent, says LeConte. But over the same period, the 65 and over population experienced a growth rate of 46.2 per cent. The 1986 census indicates this trend is continuing.

Other agencies that have requested funding are: Catholic Immigration Services, Pink Triangle Services, a service for the gay community; the Sexual Assault Support Centre; the Capital Region Centre for the Hearing Impaired, Centre de jour Séraphin-Marion, a day-care and drop-in service for the elderly in Orleans; Circle Sandridge Community Life Inc., a service for the disabled; Shepherds of Good Hope and the Christmas Exchange.

VIA cuts to cost jobs, tourism: Durrell

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Cuts to VIA Rail will cost jobs and hurt tourism in the national capital, says Ottawa Mayor Jim Durrell.

"We're going to end up with a rail service of a Third World capital," Durrell said today before appearing in front of a Commons transportation committee meeting.

Durrell is one of eight mayors presenting reports to the committee on how VIA Rail cuts will affect local economies.

Durrell called efficient VIA service "critical to Ottawa's economic future".

Montreal Mayor Jean Doré told the committee that Canada is chopping rail service while most countries are modernizing their systems.

The U.S., he said, has recently invested $4 billion into an Amtrak system used by only one per cent of that country's population. He said 14 per cent of Canada's population used VIA's Montreal-to-Windsor line last year.

A transportation lobby group said earlier this month that the Transport Department used flawed and incomplete figures to make it appear Canadians take the train less than they do. The department's statement that three per cent of all intercity trips in Canada are made by train helped justify the decision to cut VIA passenger trains.

But Chris Holloway, executive-director of Transport 2000, told the transportation committee the figures exclude a number of commuter runs as well as services provided by Amtrak, Ontario Northland, BC Rail and Algoma.

Rubber stamp search drags mother to U.S.

DAVE BROWN
Citizen staff

BROWN'S BEAT

If there's a process for Employment and Immigration to correct its own mistakes, the department can't seem to find it.

As a result, **Sandra Mayers** and her daughter **Elini** are off to the United States Saturday in search of a rubber stamp.

It's a story fraught with glitches.

Two years ago, Mayers set out to adopt a baby in Guatemala. It took months of form-filling and three trips to that South American country before mother and daughter arrived in Ottawa by air Dec. 7, 1988.

Mayers is the reference librarian at Revenue Canada, Taxation, and no stranger to paperwork. She had everything in order for bringing a small new citizen into Canada.

Glitch.

In that pile of papers was one with a space titled "record of landing." The official working at Ottawa International that day missed that spot with his rubber stamp.

In effect, as Mayers discovered when she applied for the baby bonus, she couldn't prove Elini came into the country.

Mayers
Story of glitches

Just get it stamped, said National Health and Welfare, and things would cruise along.

Glitch.

Immigration seems to take the view its people don't make mistakes, so there's no mechanism for corrections. Mayers was told to leave the country and cross the border again, this time making certain the rubber stamp hit the right place.

Glitch.

"The story seems to have annoyed them (at Immigration)," Mayers said Monday. "I had a call from an official, and he seemed to confirm there was no mechanism for correcting mistakes."

With the baby's visa about to expire later this month, Mayers decided to make the trip to the Prescott crossing point. She doesn't have a car, and friends have volunteered to do the driving.

Glitch.

With no record of landing in Canada, how does a non citizen like Elini enter the U.S.?

Friday, Mayers told her story to the U.S. embassy in Ottawa. "They produced a visa for Elini good for three months."

Mayers expressed fears at what she must do. It seems simple enough to step across an imaginary line and back again. But will she be able to get back to the Canadian side of the line?

What if the man with the stamp is off that day? What if the system seeks revenge for her tattling to the press? What if there's another . . .

Glitch?

He had to budge

One of the sparkplugs behind the annual Snowsuit Fund kick-off dinner is **Ervin Budge** of Broken Cue Snooker Centres. Budge is a first-rate problem solver and for this, the third annual "Share the Warmth" dinner, he ran into an unexpected problem.

The dinner had in the past been called "Millionaires Night."

This year, there was a request that the Snowsuit Fund find another name, since another group has for many years been using the millionaires label.

Sure, said Budge, and came up with — are you ready for this?

Evening the Odds Gala.

It happens Saturday at the Congress Centre, 5.30 p.m. Tickets at $100 each are still available at 235-6492. **Max Keeping** will be master of ceremonies.

More than a poppy

The Château Laurier Hotel deserves a pat on the back for proper use of its position.

That position is very close to the National War Memorial. After Remembrance Day services Saturday, veterans are invited to warm themselves at an informal lunch in the hotel's ballroom.

The idea worked so well last year that manager **Peter Howard** decided to keep the idea cooking. The Canadian War Museum liked it too, and this year will have displays set up.

Time, Gentleman, please

Australian **Stephen Gentleman** told his daughter he would help her with a school project, and it became world-wide. It seems to have captured his imagination more than her's since he's writing the letters and her name isn't mentioned.

They set out to find how widespread their family name was and trace its roots back as far as possible.

He can be contacted at 20 Rose St., Blackalls Park, Australia, 2283.

Local

Improve French immersion, CSSB told

Students spend too little time speaking French, official says

By Tom Spears
Citizen staff writer

The Carleton Separate School Board may lose the right to call its French immersion classes "immersion," a senior Education Ministry official says.

The change, if it occurs, would mean that students beginning Grade 7 next year or later couldn't call themselves immersion students.

Students will soon be required to take 3,800 hours of elementary school in French to qualify for immersion in high school, says a letter from Jean Comtois, head of the ministry's eastern Ontario office.

The CSSB is already proposing to extend its Grade 7 and 8 immersion classes. But Comtois' letter says that still wouldn't be enough.

Students would still be between 355 and 580 hours short of the 3,800 hours they need, he wrote.

The CSSB's proposal "is inadequate to develop the French competence needed to take 13 to 15 credits taught in French" in high school, the letter says.

Until the board starts teaching 3,800 hours of French in elementary school, the stream can only be called "extended French," not immersion, the letter says. Extended French teaches more French than the basic "core" French, but less than immersion.

The letter was sent to John MacPhee, a board trustee who had written to Comtois on his own for information about the board's immersion plans.

In an interview Tuesday, Comtois refused to discuss the issue in detail until he has a chance to meet CSSB officials.

"I will be discussing this with the administration of the board in the near future," he said. Forcing the board to add more teaching in French "is certainly an alternative, and I guess there are others as well," he said.

MacPhee said he also wants a meeting.

"Many parents have signed up (children) to have an immersion program, and they may feel — well, you can draw your own conclusions," he said.

CSSB Superintendent Terry Murphy confirmed his board will meet Comtois to discuss the problem.

"We plan our program based in ministry documentation and policies," he said. "He (Comtois) doesn't feel we're interpreting them properly, and we disagree."

Spokesmen for the Carleton and Ottawa boards of education say they won't be affected by the issue because their late immersion students are eased into classes of early immersion students in high school. This permits them to catch up although they haven't had 3,800 hours of elementary French, said Paul Caron of the CBE.

"Teachers often can't tell the difference" between early and late immersion students in high school, said Roger Lalonde of the OBE.

The Ottawa Separate School Board is not affected because it has only early immersion, and all its immersion students get more than 3,800 hours of French.

Teacher admits having intercourse with student

By Jack Walker
Citizen staff writer

BROCKVILLE — A high school teacher Wednesday pleaded guilty to having sex with a student while being in a position of trust and authority.

Rodney Peter Palmer, 36, told a district court trial he was admitting to the allegations made by a 17-year-old student.

His change in plea came a day after the girl testified in detail about sexual liaisons she had with Palmer in the fall of 1988 after he transferred to St. Mary's High School.

Palmer, who had been a teacher with the local public board for nine years, was removed from teaching when the charges were laid. He has been assigned to the separate board's central office pending the outcome of the case.

Education director Frank Musca said Palmer's status will be discussed by trustees at an in-camera meeting Tuesday night.

Palmer also admitted to having sexual contact with a 16-year-old student while a teacher at Brockville Collegiate Institute in 1987.

While agreeing not to proceed on a second charge of gross indecency, Crown Attorney John Vamplew said he wanted the facts on the record to show Palmer's involvement with the first student was not "an isolated incident."

As part of the guilty plea, Palmer has agreed the facts on the second charge can be taken into account for sentencing, to take place Jan. 10.

In a statement to police, the second victim said Palmer was a friend of "all the girls" at the Collegiate and that she became close to him while a Grade 11 student.

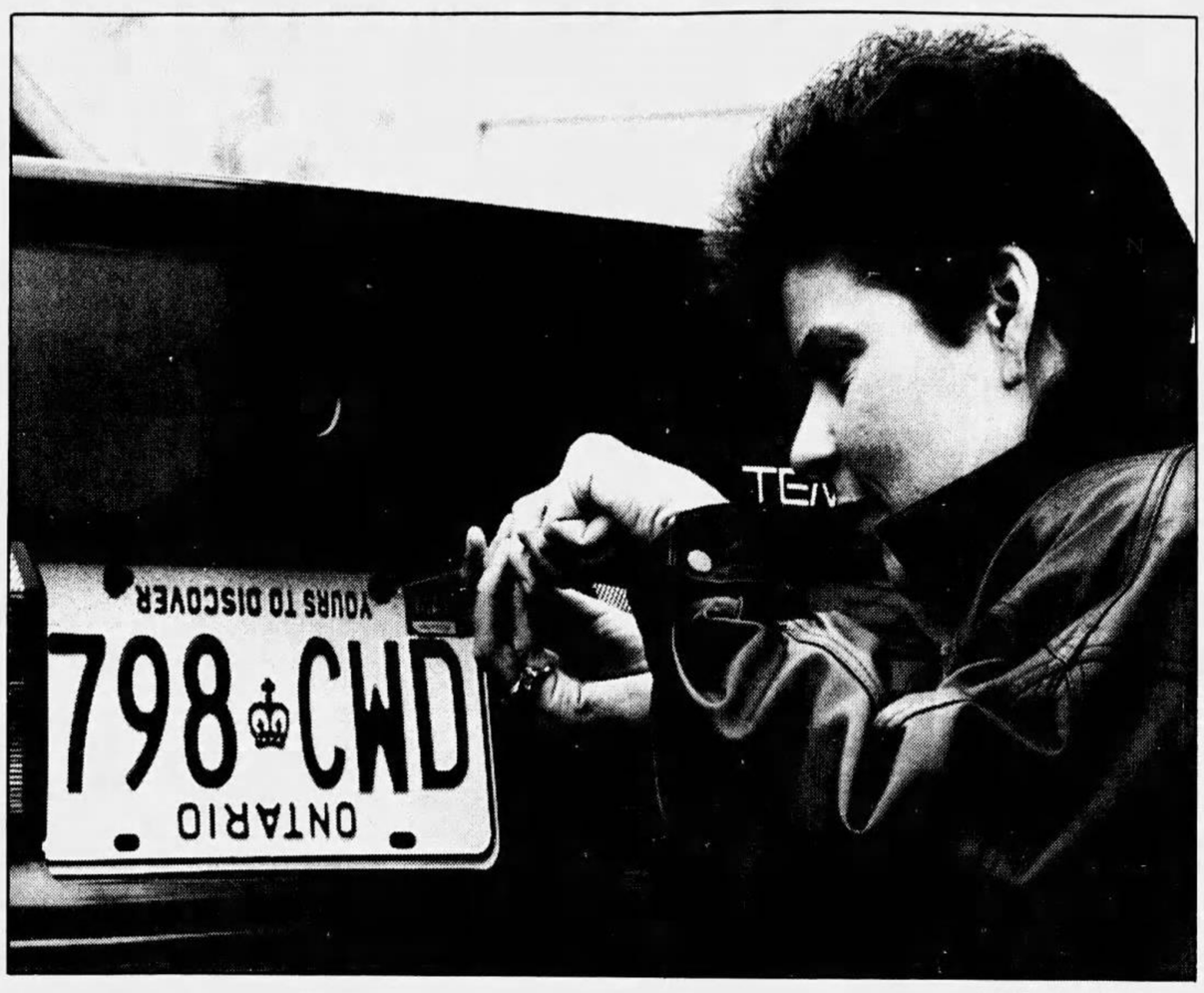
She said Palmer patted her backside in hallways at the school and invited her to his home when his girlfriend was away.

On one occasion, she slipped away from her own home when the rest of the family was sleeping and went to Palmer's place.

After she declined a drink, the girl said, Palmer took off his jogging pants and began kissing and fondling her. She said Palmer invited her to go to bed with him but she declined and went home.

The girl said she became infatuated with the teacher because she wasn't getting along with her parents and that she viewed Palmer as a trusted friend.

Tuesday, the St. Mary's student testified she developed a crush on Palmer shortly after school began last September and had intercourse with him on two occasions.



Jack Schekkerman, Citizen

Somebody goofed

Winchester resident Deanna Vanderveen unscrews this collector's licence plate from a car belonging to her sister, Cory. They put the upside-down jumble in safe keeping.

Renfrew skating, churches in conflict

By Barbara Sibbald
Citizen correspondent

RENFREW — A bid by an association of churches to reschedule Sunday morning figure skating programs has been put off again until next summer.

Pastor Jim Slack asked town council to consider either closing the arena on Sunday morning or scheduling adult activities so that children won't be forced to choose between Sunday school or figure skating.

"We recognize that not every child or parent is upset about this, but for some it is a real dilemma," said Slack.

Recreation director Glen Goslin said it would be extremely difficult to reschedule ice time. He said every prime-time slot is already being used by the community's children.

Approximately 100 children, aged nine to 15, are enrolled in the figure skating programs.

Council decided this week it was too late to change the arena schedule this year and invited Slack to attend a meeting of arena users to be held in July.

The church association, representing 12 area churches, first spoke to the recreation committee and the mayor last winter about the Sunday skating.

Recreation committee chairman Alison Collins said the user groups were told last year about the association's concerns.

Collins estimates that fewer than six children have to choose between Sunday school or figure skating.

"It certainly is a problem but nine- and 10-year-old figure skaters are getting eight hours of ice time a week so missing one hour (for Sunday school) wouldn't be so bad," said Collins.

President of the Renfrew Figure Skating Club, Susan Ringrose said the Ministerial Association has not contacted her group about the problem. She refused to comment further.

Slack argued that: "This is a simple issue but it may determine how our council or our province will look at other issues such as Sunday shopping ... if we are going to call ourselves Christians, at some point some basic decisions will have to be made."

Shove led to man's injury, hockey player tells court

By Steve Forster
Citizen correspondent

PERTH — A hockey player charged in the crippling of an opponent testified Wednesday he pushed the man out of the way to get to the puck.

James Conboy, 30, of RR 7 Perth, crashed into the boards, dislocating vertebrae in his neck and leaving him paralysed from the neck down.

Steve Leclerc, 24, of Calabogie, has pleaded not guilty to aggravated assault.

"I shoved him and he went head first into the boards. I pushed him to move him off the puck," Leclerc told the court.

The incident occurred during a game between Calabogie and Joe's Lake in the non-contact Lanark league.

Earlier testimony by spectators, players and a referee indicated Leclerc had viciously cross-checked Conboy.

"I saw him hit the boards," said a soft-spoken Leclerc. "The way he hit the boards ... it wasn't nice to see."

Leclerc said he pushed Conboy with his hands on his stick on Conboy's lower back. Earlier witnesses said Leclerc hit Conboy on the lower neck with his stick.

Questioning the body contact in a non-contact league, Crown Attorney John Waugh asked: "You want to win within the rules don't you?"

"Sometimes you have to change them," replied Leclerc, "sometimes you have to scare the other team."

Teammates Tim Wallace and David Greer corroborated Leclerc's testimony telling the court Conboy was pushed in the lower back area.

The trial continues Friday.

Graffiti blamed on Algonquin students

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Striking community college teachers say they suspect students are to blame for graffiti painted on a union trailer outside the Algonquin College campus on Lees Avenue overnight.

Vandals painted slogans such as "Recess is over" and "Striking teachers return to classes" on the trailer, strike co-ordinator Clarence Payne said this morning.

Payne said the teachers used a solvent to remove the graffiti.

"Their language was quite good English so we must be doing something right."

He said the teachers also received a letter signed "Suffering students" which said that some Algonquin students were fed up with the strike and "have had to lower themselves to the teachers level... to let our voice be heard."

The *Citizen* received a similar letter.

A spokesman for Algonquin's student association was unavailable for comment.

Members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, representing the teachers, and the Council of Regents, representing the province's 22 community colleges, are meeting in Toronto today to try to end the 23-day strike. A news blackout has been imposed on negotiations.

About 9,000 college teachers walked off the job Oct. 18 over concerns about wages and job security.

Payne said most students have been more tolerant of the labor dispute.

Payne also speculated the vandalism might be linked to an earlier break-in at the trailer. The only item taken during that incident was a list of teachers' names and times for picket duty.

He said police are investigating both incidents.

Payne said morale on the picket line is good, with many teachers determined to "see this thing through."

He predicted teachers would be legislated back to work if the strike lasts another week.

Educator founded Armenian Cultural Association

Citizen staff

Dr. Armen Manoogian, a prominent physicist and founder of the Armenian Cultural Association, died this week after a two-year fight with cancer. He was 55.

A physics professor at the University of Ottawa for the past 20 years, Manoogian was known internationally for his research and the publication of some 60 papers.

Born and raised in Cambridge, Ont., Manoogian obtained degrees from four North American Universities, including a doctorate in physics from the University of Windsor.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, a daughter, Nancy, and son, James.

"He will be missed by hundreds of students and members of the Armenian community," his wife said. "His family and work were so important to him."

Manoogian was recently asked to sit on the board that will choose the winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics for 1990, his wife said. He was not able to answer their written request.

A service will be held at the Kelly Funeral Home Chapel on Carling Avenue, Friday at 11 a.m.

COMMUNITIES

GLOUCESTER
Council considers televised meetings

Gloucester Council is again considering a proposal to televise its meetings on Skyline Cablevision.

Ald. Murray Tufts said Wednesday televised debates would provide the public with more information about weekly council meetings than published minutes.

Tufts said council rejected similar proposals he made in 1986 and 1987 because some councillors thought the meetings would bore viewers or colleagues would make political pitches to voters.

He said the city could buy a video camera for about $2,000 and staff could deliver the tapes to Skyline. The cable company would broadcast an hour of meeting highlights each week.

Ald. Richard Cantin said the city should consider using several cameras to make the broadcast more interesting, but added the cost would be higher than Tufts estimated.

Cantin said city staff will include cost figures for the broadcasts in this year's budget proposals which are to be tabled at the Nov. 20 council meeting.

—Wayne Cuddington, Citizen

Cookies or flowers?

Pottery student Allan Poulsen makes either a cookie jar or flower pot — depending how it turns out — at the Nepean Visual Arts Centre at the Sportsplex on Wednesday. The centre offers pottery and graphic design.

SERVING CITIZENS
Ex-PoWs to give $5,000 to Red Cross

The Prisoner of War Association of Ottawa has pledged to make a $5,000 donation Friday to the Ottawa-Carleton branch of the Red Cross.

Red Cross spokesman Dan Bennett said the agency will use the money to make its blood donor building on Plymouth Street more accessible to the physically disabled. The project is to cost $250,000.

Bennett said the former Canadian prisoners of war wanted to contribute to the Red Cross before Remembrance Day because the organization helped them survive captivity during the Second World War.

The Red Cross raised $60,000 during the summer for the building renovations. The second stage of the campaign begins Friday.

NEPEAN
Council won't offer to groom NCC trails

Nepean won't offer to groom the cross-country ski trails the National Capital Commission will abandon in the municipality this winter.

Coun. Al Loney said council has suggested the NCC continue to groom Greenbelt trails or share maintenance costs with the city.

The commission announced in October it no longer plans to groom the 100 kilometres of cross-country ski trails or clear snow from parking lots in the Greenbelt.

The cuts come in response to the federal government's decision in May to trim $5 million from the commission's $97-million budget.

CUMBERLAND
Township will try to hire crossing guard

Cumberland Mayor Brian Coburn has promised the township will try to hire an adult school crossing guard for an intersection near Queenswood Public School in Orleans.

Lori Nash, a spokesman for the school's parent advisory committee, asked township council Tuesday to bring back an adult crossing guard to Amiens Street and Duford Drive.

The township hired a guard for the intersection in 1986 after parents complained two children had been injured by cars. The position has been vacant since the last guard resigned in May 1988.

GLOUCESTER
Air-conditioner issue turned over to region

Gloucester Council has dropped a plan to ban water-cooled air-conditioners and has asked the region to deal with the issue.

City solicitor Richard Makuch told council the Municipal Act doesn't give the city the authority to restrict air-conditioners, and water supply and distribution is a regional government responsibility.

Makuch said the city doesn't have the power to inspect houses to determine whether water-cooled air-conditioning has been installed.

Ald. Richard Cantin sought the ban after a group of Chapel Hill residents complained water-cooled air-conditioners in their condominium waste water. City staff estimated the average water-cooled unit uses 8,200 litres of water a day.

Howard Thaw, a spokesman for the residents, said about 95 condominiums are equipped with the air-conditioners.

The Communities column is co-ordinated by reporter Dave Rogers. To let us know what's happening in your community, call him at 596-3565 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Or, you can write to Communities at the *Citizen*, 1101 Baxter Rd., Box 5020, Ottawa, K2C 3M4.

Can politics handcuff the RCMP?

Jordan's actions will earn him respect, says former deputy-commissioner

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

If allegations of political interference in the budget-leak investigation are proven, RCMP morale would be devastated, says a former deputy-commissioner of the force.

One of the cornerstone principles of the 14,000-member force is freedom from political meddling in its investigations, Peter Bazowski said in an interview from his Victoria, B.C. home.

Bazowski was the RCMP's deputy-commissioner in charge of administration from 1972 to 1978.

"It would not only be devastating for morale in the force, it would be extremely harmful for the public's perception of the force," said Bazowski.

He said during his career he never experienced political interference in investigations.

Bazowski predicted Staff Sgt. Richard Jordan's actions during the budget-leak investigation will earn him the respect of his fellow officers. Jordan testified he was taken off the investigation after refusing to lay charges against Global TV reporter Doug Small. Jordan said he felt the case was weak and the charges were politically motivated.

Bazowski said one of the RCMP's most famous and respected commissioners gained his reputation for resigning rather than submit to political inteference.

Commissioner L.H. Nicholson quit in 1959 after Justice Minister E. Davie Fulton blocked his decision to send 50 officers to reinforce a Newfoundland RCMP detachment trying to police a violent strike.

"The man is seen as an absolute hero in the RCMP," said Bazowski. "Even years after his retirement when he walked into a room officers would stand up and clap.

"That shows you what the force thinks about political interference."

Criminologist Irvin Waller agrees. The University of Ottawa professor said the RCMP's past record of laying charges against MPs and other government officials speaks highly of the force.

Waller said the legal system, in which the Crown prosecutor makes the final decision whether charges should be laid, is intended to protect against political interference.

Jim McDonald, who served as executive assistant to solicitor-general Warren Allmand and justice minister Mark MacGuigan during the 1970s and 1980s, said the RCMP has always been careful in keeping its distance from the political arena.

"Investigations that touched into the political realm were just done. In some cases the ministers weren't even told until after the investigation was over."

McDonald said in his career he saw solicitors-general and justice ministers go out of their way to avoid projecting the appearance of any type of political interference in a police investigation.

"In every government department there is a big black hole to fall into and for those two departments that is it."

Ruling forced prosecutors to charge Small indirectly

A recent Supreme Court ruling likely forced prosecutors to find an indirect way to deal with the issue of leaked government documents when they charged reporter Doug Small, says an Ottawa law professor.

Lawyer and University of Ottawa law professor David Paciocco said the 1988 ruling made it impossible to charge the Global Television reporter with possessing government information.

Instead the case against Small had to be based on the allegation he was in possession of what amounted to a stolen piece of paper.

"It's an indirect way of attacking the problem," Paciocco said. "It's a silly offence to have someone charged over a piece of paper when you are really concerned about what's on that paper."

Small, along with Defence Department clerk John Appleby Sr. and paper-recycling firm employee Normand Belisle are charged with possession of stolen goods in connection with the leaked budget document.

Belisle is also charged with theft under $1,000.

Paciocco said what probably forced the prosecution to go that route was a May 26, 1988 Supreme Court judgment that ruled theft of information is not covered under the Criminal Code.

The case involved a union official who tried to bribe a hotel security guard to steal a confidential employee list.

Paciocco said the official, who never physically received the list, was charged under the Criminal Code with counselling to commit theft.

But a Supreme Court ruling on the case later found that information is not considered property under the Criminal Code's definition of theft.

If Small had memorized or copied the budget information, instead of taking possession of the government document, it would have been impossible for police to charge him, Paciocco said.

He said the Small case could prompt the government to amend the Criminal Code to better define theft to include information.

In fact, Privacy Commissioner John Grace called on the federal government in July to change the code to make it a criminal offence to steal confidential information from government files.

Grace blamed the Supreme Court ruling for undermining laws protecting against information theft.

The Law Reform Commission has just begun studying the protection of information but the agency's report, to be presented to the federal Justice Department, is not expected for several years.

—Chris Mikula, Citizen

Staff Sgt. Richard Jordan, right, testified charges were politically motivated

Appleby confident of ruling, but 'scared' of legal costs

By Carrie Buchanan
Citizen staff writer

Budget-leak trial co-defendant John Appleby faces each new day in court with mounting dread.

It's not the verdict Appleby fears. He's confident he'll be exonerated.

He fears the cost.

Of three defendants in this week's abruptly-adjourned trial, Appleby is the only one responsible for his own legal bills. Reporter Doug Small's costs are covered by Global Television, and Normand Belisle, the third defendant, is eligible for full legal aid benefits.

A National Defence clerk earning less than $30,000 annually, Appleby may be stuck with $10,000 to $15,000 in lawyers' fees by the time the trial is over. It's expected to run for two more weeks in the spring.

And there's always the possibility of appeals after the verdict is reached.

"I'm scared to think of it," said Appleby, when asked what the total cost might be.

Appleby and Small are charged with possession of a stolen document, the *Budget in Brief*. The federal government budget summary was leaked to Small April 26, the day before the budget was to be tabled in the Commons.

Normand Belisle, a recycling company employee who is charged with theft of the budget document as well as possession, said he was told he qualifies for full legal aid benefits.

But Appleby doesn't qualify, because he owns property. His upper-storey duplex, which costs him $1,500 per month in mortgage and tax payments, means he gets only partial help from legal aid.

Legal Aid pays his lawyer directly but in return, they place a lien on Appelby's property for the full amount of the fees.

If Appleby doesn't pay it off, the lien will accumulate interest at a rate of about 10 per cent per year, said legal aid area director David Clancy.

"At one time I was very seriously considering pleading guilty and just putting myself at the mercy of the court because I just couldn't afford to go any further," said Appleby.

"I'm being punished because I saved enough money in my earlier years to buy a property."

Small is in a quandary. "Obviously, I wouldn't want to see John Appelby suffer in the end, for doing what might be seen as a public service."

When asked if Global had considered helping Appleby with his fees, Small said "The issue never came up."

Directorate specializes in white-collar crime

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Budget-leaks. Misappropriation of government resources. Bribes to government officials.

For more than a decade the RCMP's 30-member Economic Crime Directorate, and its associated commercial crime sections in cities throughout the country, have made investigations into such sensitive issues their forte.

Last year, the directorate handled an inquiry into allegations that Liberal Senator Hazen Argue had misused Senate resources. He has not been charged.

In 1981 former Newfoundland Liberal MP David Rooney was convicted of defrauding the federal government, based on evidence gathered by the Ottawa commercial crime section.

In 1976 a commercial crime section led the investigation into the so-called Sky Shops affair. Two men were convicted of conspiring to bribe Liberal Senator Louis Giguere in exchange for his influence to obtain an extension on a lease for Sky Shops Export Ltd.'s store at Dorval Airport.

Giguere was eventually acquitted of accepting the bribe.

In the case of April's budget-leak, the investigation was passed to the directorate's 25-person commercial crime section of A Division in Ottawa, said directorate Insp. Bob Kells.

Kells refused to discuss the Small case, but said the directorate usually deals with white collar crime such as fraud and stock market tampering.

He said during the course of an investigation, it would be up to officers to decide whether there is enough evidence to lay charges. They would then present their findings to either the federal or provincial Crown attorneys who would make the final decision whether to prosecute.

Most charges laid under the Criminal Code, as in the Small case, would be prosecuted in provincial court.

But Kells said it wouldn't be unusual for justice experts from other levels of government to sit in on case discussions if they could provide legal advice.

"Some people have more expertise and the local Crown may want to draw on those resources," he said.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Richard Jordan, who was taken off the budget-leak investigation after he refused to swear charges against Small, testified that associate deputy justice minister Doug Rutherford sat in on case meetings. Jordan characterized Rutherford's participation in the discussions as being "more toward scheming than legal analysis."

He called Rutherford's legal reasoning "bizarre," adding he felt it was a foregone conclusion that charges would be laid.

During the trial Judge James Fontana ruled that details of meetings attended by Rutherford, RCMP Deputy Commissioner Henry Jensen and Jordan were privileged information and could not be introduced in court.

Spotlight shifts to investigator in 'trial of the decade'

By Elizabeth Payne
Citizen staff writer

From the opening day, it was no ordinary court scene.

The three defendants, a well-known television journalist, a greying veteran of the Korean war and a nervous young paper recycling worker, made an unlikely team.

Facing the relatively minor charges of possession of stolen property and, in the recyling workers'case, theft under $1,000, they were represented by some of Ottawa's most senior lawyers, David Scott, Leonard Shore and William Simpson.

As the trial progressed, the lawyers and federal and provincial Crown attorneys were admonished more than once by Judge James Fontana for their frequent sparring in the courtroom.

But on Monday morning, as the trial was set to begin, the atmosphere was light.

Global Television reporter Doug Small joked with reporters about sitting in the wooden prisoner's box during the trial. Instead, he sat through it in a front row flanked by his wife and two daughters.

Packed into a courtroom with dozens of journalists, friends and interested observers, they waited for the trial amid a buzz of anticipation.

But even the anticipation couldn't live up to the events that unfolded during four tumultuous days of testimony and arguments.

By Thursday a soft-spoken RCMP investigator who had riveted the courtroom with testimony of political motivation became a central figure in what members of the legal community were calling the trial of the decade.

The charges, in connection with the biggest budget leak in Canadian history, had grabbed national attention when they were laid last spring. And much of that attention was focused on Small, who broke news of the budget leak April 26 with the words: "This small document could cost Michael Wilson his job."

Small's co-defendents John Appleby, 58, and Normand Belisle, 22, joked they had gotten lost in the publicity surrounding Small as the case got under way.

But four days later, when the trial was adjourned in a state of turmoil, the spotlight had shifted from Small to Staff Sgt. Richard Jordan and questions were being asked about the way the case was handled by the top levels of the RCMP and Justice Department.

"What he is alleging is a very serious allegation about corruption at the highest level," provincial Crown Attorney John Pearson said of Jordan.

Dubbed by Small "the bravest Mountie in Canada," Jordan stunned the trial with testimony that charges against Small, Appleby and Belisle were politically motivated.

Thursday, Jordan was himself seeking legal advice after Pearson suggested he may have lied in court.

Jordan, who was asked to leave the courtroom while the charges were made, looked stunned as he listened to a tape recording of Pearson's allegation.

"The record will show the learned Crown counsel has accused a witness of perjury," Small's lawyer Scott told the court during a heated exchange with Pearson.

Jordan, a 19-year veteran of the RCMP, who also holds a law degree, described the legal reasoning of a top Justice Department official as "bizarre," and depicted RCMP Deputy Commissioner Henry Jensen as aggressive toward journalists.

It seemed a foregone conclusion, he told court, that charges would be laid against Small. In order for those charges to stand up, he added, charges would also have to be laid against the man accused of taking the budget document from the paper recycling plant where he worked, and the man accused of passing it to Small.

Small had not even met his two co-accused before the trial started. The veteran journalist had met Jensen who, he would hear in court, thought journalists should be taught a lesson.

Before adjournment, Pearson caused another sensation when he asked to be withdrawn from the case. He said he may be called as a witness.

The dramatic adjournment left the future of Small, Belisle and Appleby up in the air.

Outside the courthouse, Small admitted he was disappointed the trial was dragging on but said he was more concerned about Jordan's future.

"I have said he is the bravest Mountie in Canada and I hope that holds him in good stead now," Small said.

Jordan's testimony so far has painted a picture of a major rift within the RCMP over the budget leak investigation.

Jordan said both he and his boss Jean-Pierre Witty refused to lay charges against Small and the others, because they thought the case was weak.

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Lest we forget

Remembrance in the rain

By Alana Kainz
Citizen staff writer

As rain poured onto the unprotected head of John McLauchlan, he talked about his most vivid memory of the Second World War — the weather.

"Many times in the North Atlantic the only enemy you had was the weather," said the former navy serviceman during Saturday's Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial.

His ship did get close to the Nazis once. One of the merchant ships in his convoy, *Empire Sailor*, was torpedoed by a German submarine.

"We went around to pick up the survivors from lifeboats," said the 65-year-old, closing his eyes as if to prompt his thoughts. "Lads that were in perfectly good shape in the morning were dead that night from exposure and fumes during the sinking and while in life boats."

McLauchlan counts himself lucky to be alive and to have seen little combat.

As McLauchlan told his story, those listening forgot about the rain and near freezing temperatures endured during the ceremony at the National War Memorial.

Somehow, shivering seemed insignificant.

McLauchlan was one of about 2,000 spectators, including 400 veterans, who looked on as wreathes were laid to honor and remember those lost to Canada's wars.

More than 112,000 of the 1.5 million Canadians who served overseas in various conflicts were killed. Many more returned home with terrible injuries.

A lone bugler played The Last Post, introducing a moment of silence. At precisely 11 a.m. only the crash of rain as it pelted a sea of black umbrellas could be heard. Heads bowed under the drooping, sodden flags.

The ceremony came in a year that has seen the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War and the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

Many veterans, chests decked with ribbons and medals, didn't bring their umbrellas — using the discomfort of rain, perhaps, as a cue to memory.

Aurele Sirois' brow furrowed as he remembered. "It's not easy to think about those friends who have died."

Every Remembrance Day Sirois says a prayer for his friend who lost both eyes to a hand grenade.

A piper delivered a solemn lament as he marched slowly across the front of the Memorial.

After prayers and a 21-gun salute, Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney led a procession of veterans, service personnel and diplomats who laid wreaths at the base of the memorial.

The ceremony also marked the 75th anniversary the 22nd regiment, affectionately known as the Van Doos.

To mark the event, this year's Silver Cross Mother, 84-year-old Rachel Morin of Rimouski, Que., laid a wreath in honor of her son, Camille, who died during the Korean War while serving with the United Nations Forces.

> "Many times in the North Atlantic the only enemy you had was the weather."
> —John McLauchlan
> Veteran

> "It's not easy to think about those friends who have died."
> —Aurele Sirois
> Veteran

—Wayne Hiebert, Citizen

Cubs from Blackburn Hamlet pack huddle in the rain as they wait their turn to honor Canada's war dead

Air war: Chaos, confusion and sudden death

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

First World War pilot Percy Hampton figures he's lived five lives.

In a conflict where the average life expectancy of a fighter pilot was three weeks, Hampton out-flew and out-foxed his German enemies during his four-month flying career in 1918.

The Toronto pilot lived through 35 hair-raising dogfights, destroyed two enemy aircraft, and survived being shot down over German lines.

"You could say I had more than my share of living," says the 93-year-old Hampton. "I guess I'm lucky to be alive."

During the First World War, Hampton, like fellow Ottawa veteran Ken Guthrie, was a new breed of warrior — the aviator.

Canada didn't have an air force, so aspiring flyers volunteered for Britain's Royal Flying Corps or the Royal Naval Air Service. During the war 13,000 Canadian airmen would destroy 1,500 enemy aircraft and be awarded more than 600 medals.

One hundred and forty-six would become aces, shooting down five or more enemy aircraft. Some, like Billy Bishop, would become household names.

Almost 1,300 of the airmen would die, shot down by the enemy or losing their lives in accidents.

Today, only a few of the survivors remain.

"When I think about the war, the main thing for me is the fact that I survived it," says Guthrie, 90, who spent several months in seaplanes hunting for German submarines. Aviation "was so experimental then that no one really knew what to expect."

For pilots like Hampton, every day was a flight into the unexpected.

The air war, he said, was a continual, fast-paced, "get-him-before-he-gets-you" battle. "It was total confusion. In seconds the sky would be full of 15 planes, each trying to manoeuvre behind the enemy to get a good shot."

During one dogfight, a German flyer was lucky enough to get that one good shot at Hampton. The enemy plane came from behind and below his aircraft.

Hampton doesn't remember crashing. He blacked out, later waking up in a German hospital. After recovering from minor injuries, he was sent to a prisoner-of-war camp.

For him, though, the most painful part of the war was watching his comrades being shot down. In those days, pilots didn't wear parachutes. "The old saying was join the navy and see the world. Join the air force and see the next," says Hampton.

For Guthrie, who never did see any German submarines, the war was more a battle with the elements. Dangerous moments came during rough-and-tumble landings on choppy seas, where large waves could easily crush aircraft.

"Waves look lovely in pictures but when you're sitting in your seaplane and there is 35 feet of water towering above you, it can scare the hell out of you," he says.

Both Guthrie and Hampton play down their war experiences, saying they were only doing their duty.

"In those days you volunteered and you didn't ask questions," says Guthrie. 'You were doing it for your country."

College talks collapse, students' year in jeopardy

By Karen Turner
Citizen staff writer

About 6,500 Algonquin College students are one step closer to losing their school year after negotiations to end Ontario's three-week-old college teachers' strike broke down Saturday.

"Some courses stand very closely at the brink of jeopardy," said Stan Goldner, president of the Algonquin local of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union. "I'm confident time could be made up, but time is getting short."

A college official refused comment.

Stephen Kennedy, president of the Algonquin students' association, said certain courses, such as condensed programs, will be most hurt as the strike drags on. But he said he doesn't know at what point courses will be forfeited.

"What's most important is getting teachers back in the classes and then go on with negotiations. The government should force teachers back into classroom to end this ridiculous situation," he said.

About 8,800 teachers, librarians and counsellors at 22 Ontario community colleges walked off the job Oct. 18 to back demands for higher wages, job security and sick-leave benefits. Classes for more than 110,000 full-time students were disrupted.

But after more than a week of talks with provincial mediator Terry Mancini, the union is no closer to reaching a settlement with the employer than on day one, said union spokesman Katie FitzRandolph from Toronto.

"It became clear it would not be possible to reach an agreement," FitzRandolph said. "They (the employers) are totally unmoved on all issues."

The striking teachers are seeking a two-year contract, with a four-per-cent increase retroactive to September, another four-per-cent in March and the same two increases the following year.

But the council of regents, the group representing the colleges, has offered a six-per-cent increase over two years with no new offers on sick leave and job security.

Algonguin's administration has distributed letters to students asking them not to drop out. However, some have already given up on the year.

The College has also been working on plans to help students salvage their year if the dispute is resolved shortly, including reducing holidays and study breaks and extending the school year.

OSSB parents help upset secret agenda

CLAIRE HOY

And now, some good news.

Parents CAN make a difference.

They've certainly upset the cosy cabal who've been running roughshod at the Ottawa Separate School Board.

Chairman Bonnie Kehoe, in fact, discovered that dramatically Wednesday night.

As usual, most of the action occurred behind locked doors.

Happily, it failed.

First, some history.

Last March, the trustees appointed George Moore, a veteran board employee, as director of education.

The appointment was made without advertising, without competition, without much prior public knowledge, and with a written intervention by then Archbishop Joseph-Aurèle Plourde.

In response to a show of anger from parents and teachers, Kehoe explained Moore's appointment was only temporary, ending in August 1990.

This came from a board that had just paid $300,000 to buy out former director Pierre Xatruch.

As a result, the board's parent-trustee advisory committee (PTAC), ironically set up by Xatruch, passed a resolution (supported by all but one representative) saying, "henceforth all senior board administration positions be filled by open competition."

Kehoe and her cronies promised to do better. (Although they do have a subcommittee trying to diminish PTAC's new-found muscle.)

Indeed, Kehoe recently enjoyed a trip at board expense to attend a seminar in Seattle to study site management.

Apparently she didn't learn much, since Wednesday she tried to get Moore's $105,000-a-year contract extended for two years, again bypassing public input and fair competition.

So certain were Kehoe and Moore of success, that a week earlier they made a post-meeting appointment with new Archbishop Marcel Gervais to discuss the system's future.

The majority of the trustees were intimidated before, but now it seems they're listening to the teachers and parents, not the Old Guard gang.

Significantly, most of the reformers have kids in the system. Most of the old guard don't.

At a public meeting at Corpus Christi school Tuesday, some parents had the audacity to ask when the board was going to begin the promised public process of hiring a new director.

Kehoe — who had already called her secret meeting to extend Moore's contract — tried to get the question declared out of order, but Trustee Paul Brown, the meeting's chairman, wouldn't bite.

At the secret session Wednesday, Kehoe's motion lost 9-6. The six sinners were, Kehoe, Roberta Anderson, Sandra Lavigne, Theresa Cousineau, Betty-Ann Kealey and Jim Kennelly.

Because the Education Act requires some openness — even though the "public" portions are often held late at night after lengthy secret conclaves have driven away most of the parents — Trustee Don Murphy announced he would call for a recorded vote on the question.

He did. And instead of 9-6, only Cousineau voted publicly for Moore's extension. Kehoe abstained, and the other sinners — including Anderson who, with Kehoe, was instrumental in the whole affair — came out righteously for free and fair competition.

The issue is not about Moore's ability for the job, although he apparently lacks the religious education certificate which board policy requires for all positions from principal up.

And when Moore retires next August, he'll enjoy an indexed pension of about $70,000 a year. Not bad for one of the smaller school boards around.

No, the issue here is simple. It's called democracy.

Whoever the next director is, the board must set up an impartial selection committee to choose the best candidate from an open, province-wide competition. There's nothing to stop Moore from applying.

And next month, when trustees pick their 1990 chairman, chances are it won't be Kehoe or her cabal colleagues.

It's almost enough to restore faith in the system.

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Last-ditch effort begins to save accord

By Dan Leger
The Canadian Press

The down-to-the-wire effort to save the Meech Lake constitutional accord can now begin in earnest, as a federal emissary gets ready for a cross-country tour to seek ways of saving the controversial accord.

Despite hours of public and private meetings, heated backroom discussions, secret appeals and calls for calm from all concerned, about the only thing that could be agreed on by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the 10 provincial premiers last week is that discussions should continue.

Mulroney is sending Lowell Murray, his federal-provincial relations minister, to do the talking and the success or failure of his tour could make or break Meech Lake.

And Mulroney seems to be putting the campaign to save Meech Lake on a war footing.

Speaking at a military dinner in Montreal on the weekend, Mulroney suggested Canadians rally to the cause of Meech Lake and national unity in the way they rallied to the flag during two world wars.

"We owe those who protected Canada's liberty in times of war to protect its unity in times of peace," Mulroney told members of the Fusiliers Regiment.

But Dalton Camp, a senior adviser to the federal cabinet from 1986 to June 1989, said Sunday in a column in the *Toronto Star* there is an "inescapable" solution to the government's woes.

The government "would be in much less trouble if it were more responsive, less defensive, and more willing to open up the process of governing to those it governs."

McKenna
Gives assurance

Wells
Digs in

Murray
Mediator

Filmon
Encouraged

Camp said a good part of the problem has been the perception that it was conceived in camera at Meech Lake or in the Langevin Block, Canada's equivalent to the "Kremlin."

Canadians were not let in on Meech Lake until last Thursday when TV cameras unravelled the mystery during the televised debate at the first ministers conference, Camp said.

The Meech Lake accord would recognize Quebec as a distinct society within Canada, would limit federal powers to spend money in areas of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, would start the process of reforming the Senate, and would give provinces greater say in selection of Supreme Court judges and senators. The three dissenting provinces, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, disagree with the way the accord would bring about change in all these areas.

Several of the premiers found at least some comfort in the agreement to keep talking. Back home in Winnipeg, Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon said he's encouraged that Murray is going out to seek compromise on constitutional questions.

But he added: "there isn't any indication that we're prepared to accept the accord without changes nor is there for Newfoundland or New Brunswick. They're looking for common ground."

Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells, whose threat to revoke his province's earlier support for the accord risked throwing the whole process off the rails, was also saying his mind hasn't changed.

However he told a television interviewer that he wouldn't "bet my life savings on it but I think there is enough prospect that (compromise) can be achieved, that it is incumbent on the first ministers to pursue those chances."

In a tense, private meeting Friday afternoon, Wells asked for and received assurances from his co-skeptics — Filmon and New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna — that they wouldn't suddenly call for approval of Meech Lake in their legislatures.

Mounties risk career if they buck system, former officer says

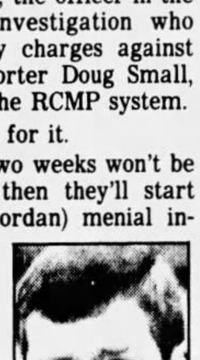
By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

If there is anyone who knows what the future might hold for RCMP Staff Sgt. Richard Jordan's career, it's George Wool.

Like Jordan, the officer in the budget-leak investigation who refused to lay charges against television reporter Doug Small, Wool bucked the RCMP system.

And he paid for it.

"The first two weeks won't be too bad and then they'll start giving him (Jordan) menial investigations," said Wool, a former staff sergeant who laid charges against the Yukon's former justice minister in 1982.



Jordan
Refused charges

"He'll get the message and he'll probably have to retire or accept that he'll be doing menial work for the rest of his career."

Wool took retirement.

Wool's problems began in 1980 when he was in charge of an investigation into a fraudulent land scheme involving a Yukon developer. As Wool's investigation widened, he laid charges of breach of trust and obstructing justice against former Yukon justice minister Douglas Graham.

But those charges were stayed after a statement was filed in court from the then assistant deputy attorney-general of Canada, Doug Rutherford, saying there was not enough evidence to warrant the criminal charges.

In staying the charges, Rutherford had considered the report of a special prosecutor who in 1979 had written: "... It is my opinion that Graham's conduct in the matter stops short of constituting a criminal offence — short by a hair's breadth."

Rutherford, now associate deputy justice minister, has been criticized by Jordan for his involvement during meetings on the budget-leak investigation.

Jordan testified that Rutherford's participation in the discussions were "more towards scheming than legal analysis."

During his investigation, Wool not only rocked the boat, he tried to sink it.

He requested an interim injunction to allow him to continue the investigation, and to stop his commanding officer from interfering in the case.

The Federal Court of Canada would later rule the courts have no jurisdiction to interfere with the internal administration of the RCMP.

Wool said he went through some not-so subtle punishment for embarrassing his superior officers. First came word he was no longer in charge of his unit. Superior officers told Wool he had lost his objectivity in investigating the Graham case.

Next, he was transferred to another unit where the veteran investigator said he went to work "doing historical research on the RCMP in the Yukon."

In 1982, Wool was transferred to Ottawa to what amounted to a personnel job.

Wool quit the force three months later.

"They made it miserable for me," said Wool, now a Vancouver lawyer. "They hit below the belt."

He too believes there was political interference in his investigation, but can't prove it. At the very least, his experience shows the RCMP is often hesitant about charging politicians, he said.

"If it had been an Indian or a poor person they would have been charged. Because it's a politician, the RCMP says 'treat this person differently.' "

The head of Canada's police chiefs' association said political interference in investigations is rare.

Don Cassidy, executive-director of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, said his group, which includes RCMP Commissioner Norman Inkster, haven't held any formal discussions on the problem of political interference.

"I'm not saying it doesn't go on," said Cassidy. "It's just never been an issue with the association."

Cassidy said he isn't worried allegations of such interference made during the Doug Small trial will hurt the public's image of the police. Most officers used in such high-profile, and often politically-sensitive investigations, are usually selected for their strong individual characters, he said. That way they're able to withstand any potential interference.

Police often don't like investigating leaks

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BUREAUCRATS

The use of the federal police force to impress the bureaucracy and the press on the dangers of using leaks is hardly new.

It is by no means restricted to the present party in power.

Evidence given in provincial court last week suggests that at least one member of the RCMP, Staff Sgt. **Richard Jordan,** thought the investigation of the famous budget leak used by TV broadcaster **Doug Small,** was meant to give the press a lesson.

Over the 15 years that I have written this column I have been questioned by the RCMP perhaps a dozen times.

My impression was that in most cases the investigators felt they were being used to intimidate, and did not like the job.

The interview I remember best, however, involved a column item in the winter of 1983 about an aide of **Jean Chrétien.**

Chrétien was, at that time, minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, with **Paul Tellier,** now Clerk of the Privy Council, as his deputy minister.

The aide was lawyer **Ed Goldenberg** who had been on Chrétien's staff for years. He left his patron after the defeat of 1979, but returned when his minister was made justice minister in the Liberal Restoration of 1980.

Goldenberg when he returned from private law practice had benefited from a special deal that paid him at the EX-3 level, worth close to $90,000 in 1989 salary range, or around $65,000 in those days.

That was about twice what ministerial exempt staff might expect before the Conservatives expanded the budgets of ministers' offices radically two years later.

By the standards of Tory chiefs of staff, Goldenberg's pay would be normal. In those days it obviously caused resentment.

Somebody told me about delays the deal had encountered at Treasury Board and armed with that information I called Goldenberg and it was he who told me that he had been hired under contract and paid in the EX-3 range.

Somebody, either in the minister's office or in the department, must have been annoyed by the insider information that had led to the question. They decided that the RCMP should be called in.

What was memorable about that interview was the obvious discomfort of the corporal assigned to the case.

His questioning over a cup of coffee in a Sparks Street restaurant was perfunctory. He took readily my assurance that I did not know the source and assured me on more than one occasion that he did not think any crime had been committed.

But he said, once somebody calls in the RCMP they have to go through the motions of questioning anybody who might know something, like it or not.

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The chairman and executive vice-president of the National Capital Commission seem to have got a raise.

The evidence is circumstantial, but persuasive.

Two recent orders-in-council (Nov. 2) reveal that Chairman **Jean Pigott** will be paid in the GIC-9 range and Executive Vice-President **Graham Kirby** will get something in the GIC-8 range.

What is peculiar about that is those are the classifications assigned to their jobs for the past several years.

So we called up **Denis Thompson** who is assistant director, appointments, recruitment and succession planning at NCC.

His explanation was that there had been some change in salary for both Pigott and Kirby within their respective ranges.

The privacy of personnel files, of course, prevented him from saying how much and in which direction the numbers on their paycheques had moved.

But I have never heard of a downward move in the salary of an order-in-council appointee.

The GIC-9 range is from $109,000 to $132,700 per year, identical to that of a junior deputy minister (DM-1). Kirby's range is from $102,600 to $120,000 according to the cabinet order.

At the same Nov. 2 Cabinet meeting two newcomers to the DM club, **Donald Campbell** and **Jocelyne Bourgon,** had their salaries set at DM-1 levels.

Campbell who is now DM, International Trade, was formerly an assistant deputy minister in External Affairs.

Bourgon who is now deputy head of Consumer and Corporate Affairs was an ADM at EMR.

54 southern Ontario stores charged for opening Sunday

TORONTO (CP) — Police officers were first in line Sunday at southern Ontario supermarkets, but they weren't looking for bargains. They were charging stores with being open illegally.

Four major chains made good on their threat to defy the provincial law that forces them to close on Sundays.

Loblaws, A and P, Miracle Food Mart and the Oshawa Group announced last week they would they would open about 80 stores in Thornhill, Oakville, Malton, Brampton, Burlington, Markham, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie.

Police forces in the regions said at least 54 stores were charged.

If convicted, a store operator faces a typical penalty of a $500 fine, though the law provides for fines of up to $50,000.

In February, Ontario joined Alberta, New Brunswick, British Columbia and Saskatchewan in passing a law that gives municipalities jurisdiction over Sunday shopping.

But only 100 of Ontario's 839 municipalities have allowed limited Sunday shopping in designated tourist areas.

In April, Ottawa-Carleton councillors voted to take no action to change Sunday shopping bylaws. In October, a motion to allow Westboro merchants to open their doors on Sunday during an arts festival was narrowly defeated.

Bob Winstanley, spokesman for Miracle Food Mart, said the group of stores participating in Sunday openings does not intend to defy the law in the Ottawa area.

He said except for the Byward Market, Ottawa's tourist area, the region does not have the same degree of special Sunday openings as in southern Ontario.

The supermarkets decided to defy the law after council in Peel region, which includes Mississauga, west of Toronto, voted against wide-open Sunday shopping.

Last week, the Supreme Court of Canada decided against hearing another constitutional challenge to laws that block Sunday shopping.

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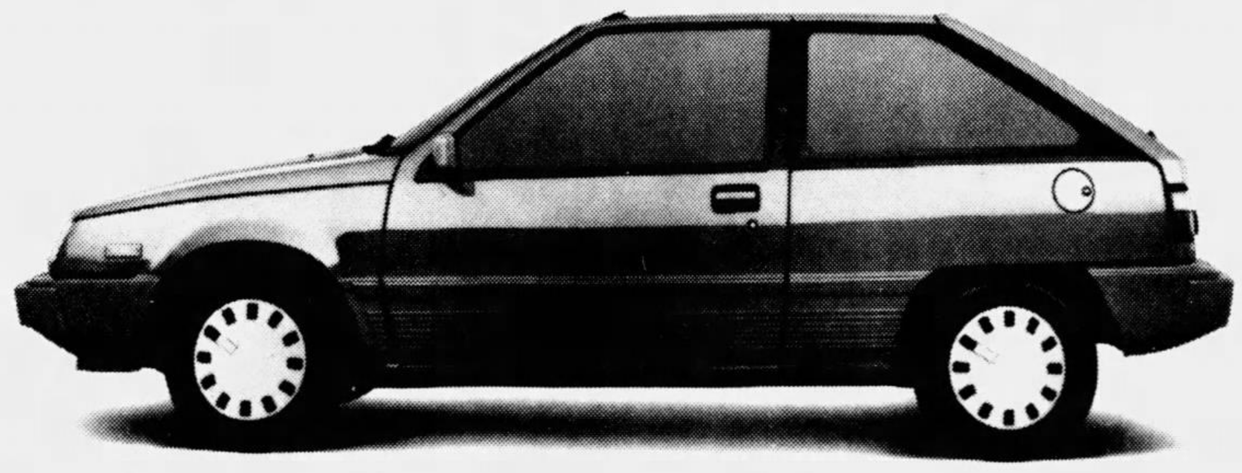

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Canadian police have more powers than U.S. counterparts

They can keep track of innocent people by computer checks

By Peter Calamai
Southam News

WASHINGTON — Police forces across Canada can regularly do what U.S. police dare not try — keep track of innocent people through computerized surveillance.

Roughly 25,000 Canadians who haven't been charged with any offence are routinely tracked through a special computerized data base in the RCMP's central crime computer system in Ottawa.

But the FBI here shelved plans earlier this year for a similar tracking system after an outcry from civil libertarians and members of Congress.

"We concluded that the risk to civil liberties outweighed any potential law enforcement benefits," Congressman Don Edwards told Southam News through an aide.

Yet the proposed FBI scheme was more limited than the tracking system operated for more than a decade by the RCMP with little political outcry in Canada.

Only persons under investigation in murder, kidnapping or narcotics cases were supposed to be tracked by the FBI crime computer.

In Canada, provincial and municipal police forces have much broader latitude to list "persons under observation" in the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) operated by the RCMP.

"That's our most sensitive area. The main purpose is to alert police officers to persons who were dangerous to themselves or to others," says assistant commissioner Phil McLellan, the RCMP official in charge of CPIC.

But the CPIC manual also notes that the observation file includes those "who are believed committing criminal offences and sufficient information is unavailable to prosecute."

Any of the 4,000 police terminals across Canada hooked into CPIC can enter the name of an innocent person for observation, along with an automobile licence number, alias or known associates.

Unlike other CPIC data banks for arrest warrants and stolen cars, the "persons for observation" entries automatically expire after a year unless renewed by someone acting with the authority of the local police chief.

The Canadian system also goes further than the U.S. proposal in alerting police that someone is listed in the suspect file.

Striking parole officers reach tentative deal

— CP photo

Marjo Callaghan sits atop gate to Millhaven Tuesday

By David Pugliese and Bert Hill
Citizen staff writers

Striking federal parole officers will vote today on a tentative agreement reached Tuesday night, a union official said.

The agreement meets the officers' demands of higher wages and resolves the issue of work hours, said Bob Perron, a spokesman for the Union of Solicitor General Employees.

He would not release any other details of the tentative agreement but said if ratified, federal parole officers could be back on the job by Thursday.

He said the union's negotiating committee is recommending ratification.

The 1,100 parole and prison case officers and 500 counsellors from other departments walked out Oct. 30.

They were fighting a federal public service pattern wage increase calling for 15 per cent over 42 months.

Earlier Tuesday, tempers flared on picket lines outside two federal prisons and officers occupied a federal parole office in Toronto.

Striking parole officers blocked the entrance to the Matsqui Institute in B.C. Monday night and Millhaven prison Tuesday morning.

About 40 officers occupied the Toronto regional parole office to draw attention to their dispute, a union spokesman said.

Runaway from orphanage mistreated by policemen, Hughes inquiry told

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Francis Baird, a former resident of Mount Cashel orphanage, said two local policemen mistreated him for running away from the institution when he was a scrawny 10-year-old in December 1975.

Baird, who now lives in Dunnville, Ont., told the Hughes inquiry Tuesday the policemen had noticed him wandering around the downtown waterfront. They chased him, tackled him, slapped handcuffs on his wrists and legs and threw him into a cruiser.

"I broke down and cried and kicked and I said, 'No way I'm going back to Mount Cashel. You can kill me first,'" said the slim, fair-haired Baird.

"They told me to shut up... They just sat there and didn't care."

Baird testified that a male social worker at a local social services office where he was taken ignored his descriptions of orphanage abuse and his fear of a large brother whose name he can't recall.

"They put me in a taxi cab with this social worker who brought me back to the orphanage and this social worker picked me up and literally handed me to the same man I had told them about," said Baird.

Weeks later, Baird and two of his brothers — who spent two months in the orphanage in 1975 — were interviewed about abuse by two other policemen at their mother's home.

Their mother, Carol Baird, has testified that police told her in 1976 that the orphanage case was closed, no charges would be laid and the abusing brothers had been moved out of the orphanage.

In other testimony Tuesday, Shane Earle, the first to publicly complain about the orphanage, said he made a mistake when he told a U.S. television audience that Christian Brothers had sexual intercourse with boys as they were tucked into bed at night.

In a tense cross-examination, Earle said he was tired and confused by his hurried trip to Chicago two months ago to tape the *Oprah Winfrey Show*.

"When (Winfrey) asked me the question, she asked it as I was answering her previous question and that's how the mistake was made," said Earle, who spent 15 years in the orphanage.

Earle's admission came as lawyers tried to find holes in his testimony about sexual and physical abuse by members of the Roman Catholic order that runs the St. John's institution.

Brian Casey, lawyer for Brother Joseph Burke, said Earle's account of a 1975 beating he said he received from Burke doesn't square with expert testimony.

Casey said Earle contends that Burke hit him 52 times with a large belt on his buttocks, legs and back. But a doctor who examined him shortly after the assault has testified that Earle was hit about six times on his buttocks by a child's belt, the lawyer said.

"Do you still accept you were hit 52 times?" asked Casey.

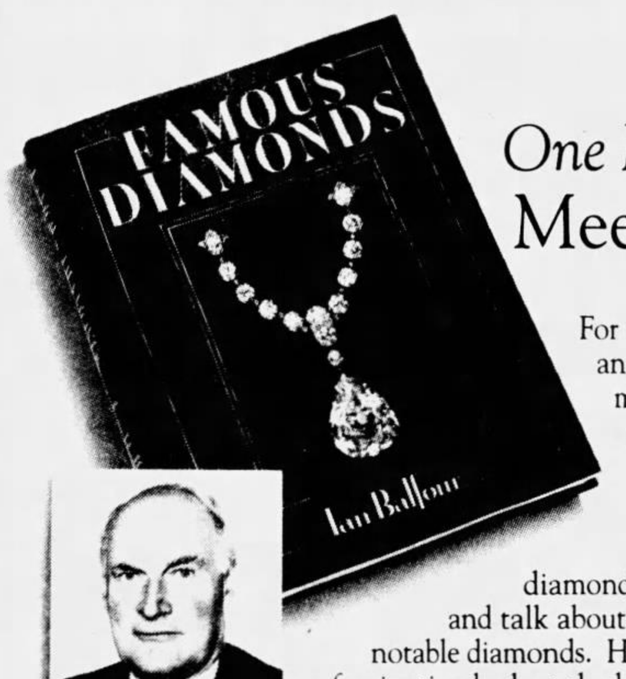
"I believe it to be accurate," replied Earle.

Asked about the doctor's belief that he was beaten only on the buttocks, Earle stiffened: "I can't answer that," he said, growing irritated.

"That's telling me all the blows to my body didn't leave marks... as a 23-year-old man, that's the best that I can remember."

Frank O'Dea, lawyer for the Congregation of Christian Brothers, said Earle was wrong when he testified that he saw a brother commit a sexual offence with a boy in the mid-1980s.

O'Dea said police investigated the allegation and found no evidence to lay charges.



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Regulate wading pools: jury

By John Kessel
Citizen staff writer

At the inquest into the death of toddler Tanya Bovey, pool attendants testified they had little training about what to do with drownings

The jury examining the drowning death of 27-month-old Tanya Bovey Wednesday recommended provincial legislation to standardize the supervision and building of wading pools.

It made the recommendation at the urging of Doug Ferguson, executive director of the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada. Ferguson testified wading pool standards throughout Ontario are confusing and inadequate.

The Elmira Drive child drowned Aug. 5 when attendants at Parkway Park wading pool failed to see her enter the pool alone. A mother supervising four other children discovered the child floating face down in two feet, three inches of water.

The provincial health ministry sets standards through legislation for all pools deeper than two feet, six inches. There are no requirements for pools under that depth.

The recommendation was among 11 made by the jury.

David Steele, director of the city's leisure and sports programs, said all the recommendations will be carefully reviewed. But "cost is a factor and one we have to consider with a limited budget." The final decision will be up to city politicians.

The other recommendations include:

- Telephones at all city wading pools. Only 41 of the city's 60 wading pools have telephones close by. At the Parkway Park pool where Tanya drowned, an attendant had to run to a nearby house to call 911.
- Minimum training qualifications for guards. The jury suggested a Bronze Medallion in swimming and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training. City wading pool staff now require only a St. John's Ambulance first aid certificate.
- Monitoring of wading pool attendants' skills, including holding simulated drownings. The two attendants at Parkway testified they had little training about what to do with drownings.
- Instead of an age requirement for entrance to wading pools unattended, the jury recommended height requirements. It said a child should be at least 12 inches taller than the depth of the pool, or should have a swimming skill requirement. Otherwise, the child should not enter the pool unaccompanied by a responsible person at least 16 years old.
- Posting of pool rules. No rules were posted at Parkway the day of the drowning.
- An increase in the minimum number of required attendants from two to three.
- Strict enforcement of the use of inflatable objects in wading pools. Two inner tubes were in the pool at the time of the drowning and several witnesses testified almost anything was allowed in.

Rik and Susan Bovey, Tanya's parents, said they were pleased with the recommendations.

"I'm counting on the city to bring in these recommendations," said Susan Bovey.

"I'm sure that this has made everybody more aware of the misconception that the park and pool is a drop-in centre.

"It hurt. It really brought back memories. I hope this will prevent other parents from going through this. I have five other children that I'd like to give a chance to play at the park."

Bus doors catch 3-year-old toddler

By Kelly Egan
and David Pugliese
Citizen staff writers

A three-year-old boy was trapped by the closing doors of an OC Transpo bus Wednesday, adding to a number of similar mishaps reported during the past month.

Public concern has become so widespread that coroner James Dickson has called an inquest into the death of a teenager killed under the wheels of a bus Nov. 5.

Police believe Jason Walsh, 18, died after his jacket draw-strings got caught in the rear doors of the bus as he was getting off. He was dragged under the vehicle's back wheels.

In Wednesday's accident, Ottawa police Insp. James Carroll said the boy escaped unhurt after the rear doors of an articulated bus closed on his left foot.

The boy and his mother were getting off the bus at 2:45 p.m. on St. Laurent Boulevard at Brittany Drive.

The mother told police the doors opened when she and her son stood on the first step. She then lifted the child onto the bottom step. As he tried to step out, the doors closed, catching his foot between the rubber edges.

Carroll said the boy was freed moments later when a passenger, alerted by the mother's scream, "jumped up and knocked the door off its hinges."

The boy was checked by an ambulance attendant at the scene.

Because there was a suggestion of mechanical trouble, the bus was impounded for examination by a bus mechanic.

"The question we have to answer is: Why did the bus doors close?'," Carroll said.

Dickson said in the last seven years, five people in Ontario, mainly children, have been killed under the rear wheels of buses as they got off the vehicles.

OC Transpo spokesman Oxana Sawka would not comment on the inquest or Dickson's concerns about similar accidents.

No date has been set for the inquest, expected to be held in January.

Dickson said since Walsh's death he has been receiving numerous telephone calls from people complaining about potential accidents involving bus doors closing prematurely.

An inquest in Kingston last year into an accident similar to Walsh's death recommended rear bus doors be located behind the back wheels, he said. In that incident a four-year-old child died under the rear wheels after getting off through the back door. Dickson didn't have further details on the accident.

He said in another bus death, a child was crushed under the wheels after slipping on ice.

BACK TO SCHOOL

—Drew Gragg, Citizen

It was back to school today for community college students across the province

Students return, but with worries

By Tom Spears
Citizen staff writer

After four weeks without classes, Algonquin College student Jordy Smith is still on top of his work. It's the summer that worries him.

Like most college students, he'll be looking for summer work.

But with the strike forcing colleges to extend their school year, Smith worries that he won't be finished classes in time to hit the job market.

"The university students will be far ahead of us," the third-year business student said Wednesday as he contemplated today's start of classes. "We'll almost be competing with high school students" for summer jobs.

As they head back to class today, students are plagued by worries — about finishing schoolwork by the end of the year, getting summer jobs and about paying extra rent if the school year drags on.

Some have seen friends quit school during the strike to take jobs.

Most say they're glad the strike is over, but upset that it took so long to settle.

Algonquin has stretched its school year to May 20, although some courses may end earlier. Originally the year was to have ended April 30.

The college has also shortened the Christmas break and cancelled the winter study week, said spokesman Robin Dorrell. "We'll be a little squeezed here and there, but we'll basically get back the four weeks we lost to the strike."

Jordy Smith kept working during the strike, following course outlines given out by his teachers at the beginning of the year. He thinks he may even be ahead of the pace by now.

But his sister Paula, a nursing student at Algonquin, hasn't been able to work on her own. She's afraid the pace of study will have to speed up for the rest of the year.

"I was involved in the 1984 (college) strike," she said. "I was in a different program, medical lab technology, and when we went back (to classes) it was like a whirlwind.

"We were writing exams and there were things on them that we hadn't even covered."

Her plans to go home to Pembroke for the Christmas holidays are shot, she said.

"I'm going to be studying my brains out. I'll probably just go home for Christmas Day."

"Everybody's a little afraid about how the rest of the year will go," said first-year nursing student Sandra Licari.

"A lot of us have thought about quitting school and getting a job and doing first year again next year."

Ontario community colleges have offered to refund students' tuition fees if they notify college registrars between Oct. 18 and Nov. 24 that they are withdrawing from classes because of the strike.

Algonquin spokesman Robin Dorrell said the college won't know until Wednesday how many students have applied for refunds.

Mild earthquake shakes Ottawa Valley

By Jane Wilson
Citizen staff writer

An earthquake centred north of Maniwaki shot vibrations strong enough to rattle dishes and windows through the Ottawa Valley early today.

The quake, registering 4.0 on the Richter scale, occurred at 4:25 a.m. and lasted about 30 seconds. The epicentre was in cottage country at Brodtkorb Lake, about 50 kilometres north of Maniwaki, said Janet Drysdale, a seismologist with the Geological Survey of Canada.

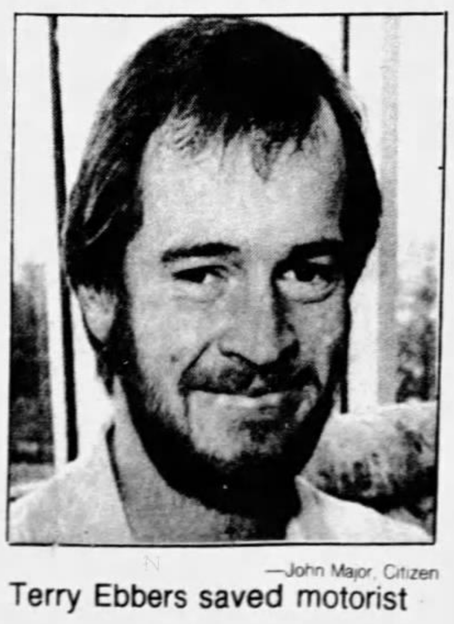
"This is the largest we've had in a couple of years," Drysdale said. The last similar quake was in 1983 near North Gower. It registered 4.2 on the Richter scale.

Today's quake "was felt in Pembroke and a few in Ottawa have reported it," Drysdale said, adding no structural damage is likely with a quake of this magnitude.

"Some people might have been awakened. Plants would sway, knick-knacks might fall off a shelf," she said. "Near Maniwaki people might have heard a thump as if the furnace made a loud noise."

The quake was likely caused by movements about 12 km underground between plates of the earth's crust. The Ottawa Valley is a moderate earthquake zone and records 10 to 15 minor quakes every year. Only a few register above 3.0 on the Richter scale.

Local heroes downplay actions that led to citations



—John Major, Citizen

Terry Ebbers saved motorist

CLOSE-UP

By Joanne Laucius
and Charles Lewis
Citizen staff writers

Charles Gratton makes heroism sound effortless.

When the 26-year-old Alfred millworker dove into the frigid water of a flooded ditch in March to save a woman who couldn't swim, he knew it was going to be a cold rescue.

"But I didn't have a choice," says Gratton, who rescued the woman just as her drifting car was sinking under the icy torrent.

Gratton is one of five area recipients of the Commissioner's Citation, an award presented each year to civilians for helping the OPP solve or prevent a crime, for saving a life or for outstanding community service.

Gratton was driving to a field in the rural area to check flood damage late one night when he noticed another car trying to cross a flooded roadway. The car backed into a ditch, was borne away on the rushing floodwaters and started to sink.

Gratton, in a sweater and running shoes, jumped in to rescue the trapped woman. Reaching the car, he pulled her through the car's open window.

Meanwhile, René Campeau, of Limoges, saw Gratton swimming across the 10-metre ditch. He called the OPP on his cellular phone, got an extension cord from his truck, tied it to a tire supplied by another onlooker, and tossed it to the two clinging to the roof of the almost-submerged car.

"I don't know why we're getting so much fuss over this," says Campeau, 47. "It's quite normal to help a fellow citizen who's in trouble."

A "thump" led another area man down the road to heroism.

When Terry Ebbers, a 24-year-old farm worker living near Metcalfe, heard the thump outside his window at 1 a.m. on April 21, he thought a neighbor's cow had broken loose.

But instead, a bleary-eyed Ebbers found an unconscious driver behind the wheel of a truck in a ditch about to be engulfed in flames.

A few minutes before, Stephen Dove, also of Metcalfe, had fallen asleep behind the wheel.

"When I got near the truck there was a little flame coming from the hood," says Ebbers.

Please see HELP/B2

Collection agency plays naming game

DAVE BROWN
Citizen staff

BROWN'S BEAT

Tamara Walsh is having trouble because somebody else has the same first name.

It's a strange tale of a money-chase that's off on the wrong trail.

Six weeks ago, she received a letter at her Henderson Avenue home, addressed to a person she had never heard of. She marked it "return to sender" and put it back in the system. A couple of weeks later she was visiting Cornwall, her home town, and discovered another letter addressed to the same person had found its way to her old address.

She opened it. A travel agency was threatening to turn an account over to a collection agency. She went to Voyageur Travel Services and explained she was not the Tamara they were chasing.

"They were very helpful." Some guesswork was done. It seems Tamara had a job application on file at a place that was listed as the missing Tamara's last job location.

Tamara thought it was all over.

But a week later Voyageur called and asked her to return to the agency's offices and show identification. She did. She presented her driver's licence, social insurance card and gave a sample of her signature.

Next step: A letter from McGrath Canada collection agency arrives at her Ottawa home, addressed to the other Tamara. The formal demand for money now included her social security number.

Her sister, a law student, took the opportunity to write a lawyerly letter to McGrath.

On Nov. 7, McGrath faxed a letter to student-sister warning her of the dangers of opening other people's mail.

Have the money-chasers got things straight yet?

Tamara Walsh doesn't think so. If they did, she believes, somebody would have by now offered her an apology.

The right title

Because of the name of his five-member musical group, Raccoons on Ice, **Mick Armitage** of Quyon, thought he had heard every raccoon joke ever told.

Aside from the gags, people often pick up road-killed 'coons and drop them off at the door of his farm home on the Boom Road.

During unexpected warm weather recently, Armitage left a few windows and a door open while he ran some errands.

The group currently is selling a tape cassette titled *Caution, Live Raccoons Inside*. Among things to do that day, he had to deliver copies of the tape.

When he returned home he discovered a raccoon had entered the house.

"Now I know you're going to have a hard time believing this, but it was rooting through a box of cassettes. The box was full of the *Caution* tapes."

The almost witness

Cara Clark, of Uplands Drive, knows what it's like to deal with people who know how to beat the system.

A year ago she watched a truck hit her parked car. "It was my word against the two men in the truck." She was outnumbered and there was no matching damage to the truck. People who know the system told her to forget it.

Recently, with husband **Glen**, she parked on George Street. Their spanking new red Chevy Sprint sparkled in the sun.

They returned to find damage, and a note written on a Harvey's napkin placed on the windshield.

A witness had jotted down the licence number of the "red Pontiac Grand Am" that did the damage. But the witness didn't leave his or her own name, so the information is worthless.

"People should know, if they want to help, they have to be willing to be a witness," says Clara.

Sign of the times

Today's technology can turn a simple theft into a disaster.

When a computer was stolen recently from the offices of the Ottawa International Jazz Festival, **Beth Green** lost three years of work. She's married to festival managing director **Joe Riley**.

The computer was in a case that included diskettes on which Green had stored her private records. The jazz festival also lost important material.

Riley reminds those of us who use PCs to heed the warning most of us ignore: "Make back-ups."

Matters of fact

GAS GUZZLERS: The social service department expects to spend $365,651 this year on car mileage for its staff.

Source: Social services department Ottawa-Carleton

Local

Croup epidemic sweeping area, says CHEO official

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

The Ottawa-Hull region is in the midst of a major croup epidemic among children aged six months to 10 years, says a hospital official.

Ruth Derrick, spokesman for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, said Thursday about 15 to 20 croup patients are being seen daily at the hospital.

Those going to the hospital are the more serious cases with about five children a day being admitted for further treatment, she said.

Croup is a tightening of the muscles around the voice box caused by a viral infection.

Symptoms include a raspy cough, hoarse voice and sore throat.

Children under one-year-old should be brought to hospital but most other croup cases can be treated at home, said Derrick.

One treatment involves taking the child into the bathroom, shutting the door, and turning on shower hot water faucets to make steam.

Doctors recommend parents stay with the child in the steamy bathroom for about 30 minutes.

Derrick said breathing should return to normal within 15 minutes.

A vaporizer should be used when the child is sleeping to provide cool air.

"The main thing to remember is not to panic because it can be frightening both to parents and children," said Derrick.

If there's no improvement after the treatment or breathing gets worse, there is drooling or difficulty swallowing, or if the child turns blue, then parents should call a doctor or take the child to an emergency department.

Derrick said in Ottawa, croup epidemics occur every two years, the last one being in 1987.

Shelter's eviction of woman, child sparks protest by other residents

By Anne Tolson
Citizen staff writer

Pickets demonstrated outside a downtown emergency shelter Thursday to protest the region's eviction of a woman and her four-year-old daughter.

Lynn Prevost, 26, and her daughter were evicted from the regionally-run shelter for women and children on Waller Street near Daly Avenue. According to Arthur Pope, the region's social services commissioner, she was being evicted because she has a serious drug and alcohol problem, and has often disturbed other tenants.

But several people protested the eviction, claiming it was unjust and unfair.

"Do you think we would be out here (protesting) for her if she was bothering us?" said Diana Vidal, 22, who lives with her two children in the shelter. "She has someone babysit her kid and she's evicted. Why her and not us?

"We feel there's a big injustice being done," she said. "We want her brought back here."

Meanwhile, Provost said late Thursday that the YM-YWCA, where she had been sent by the region, would offer her room for only one night. She said she has been asked to leave after breakfast today.

"I am thoroughly confused by what is going on. I don't know where else to go," she said. "They are turning us into the streets."

YM-YWCA officials refused to say why they are asking Prevost to leave.

Pope, who said earlier Thursday that the region would pay for her to stay at the Y or a motel, was not available for comment.

An eviction notice said Prevost was being evicted from the shelter because she continually broke the rules, such as leaving her child with a sitter even though her babysitting privileges had been revoked.

—Paul Latour, Citizen

A friend comforts Prevost, right, and daughter Jocelyne.

Pope said it was decided not to mention the drug and alcohol problems in the eviction notice.

Prevost, however, denied having any drug or alcohol problems.

"I don't know where they got this from but I am a healthy woman with a healthy daughter. I don't have any drug or alchohol problems," she said.

Despite the protest, Ottawa police arrived at 1 p.m. to help shelter staff evict the woman. She had locked herself and the child in a her room.

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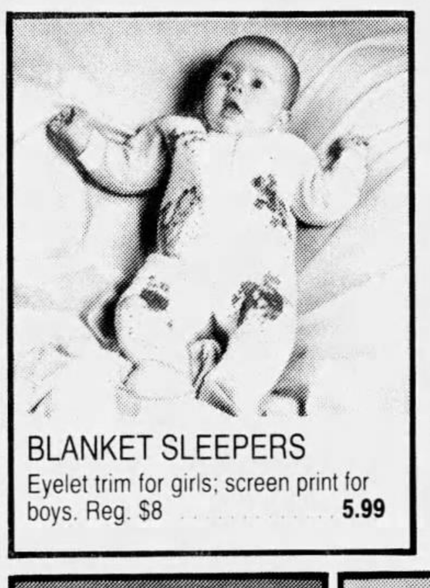

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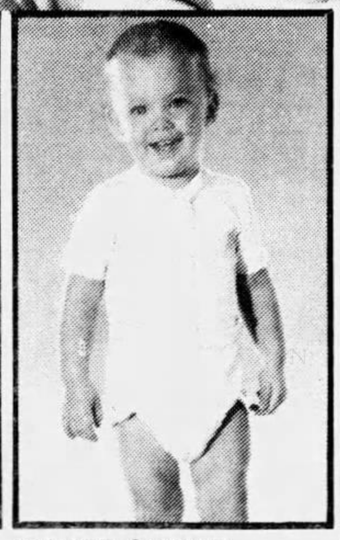

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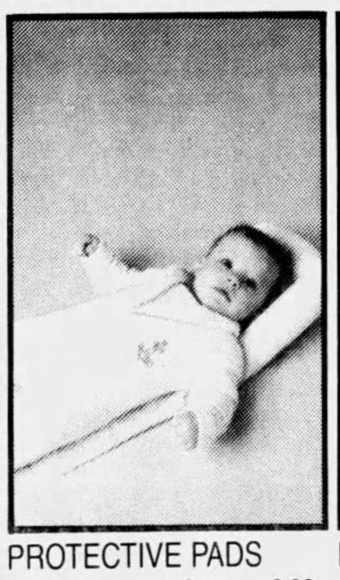

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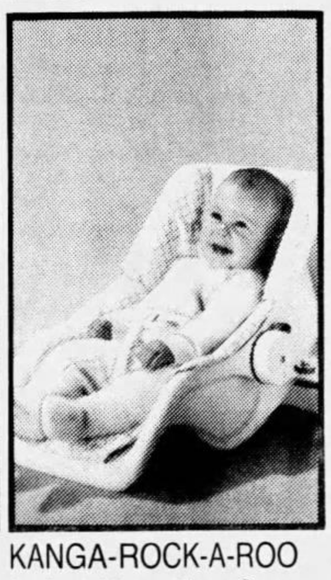

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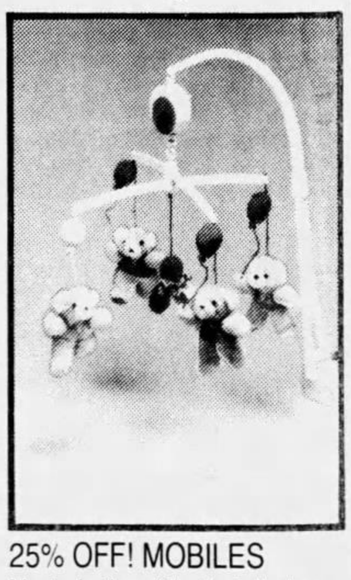

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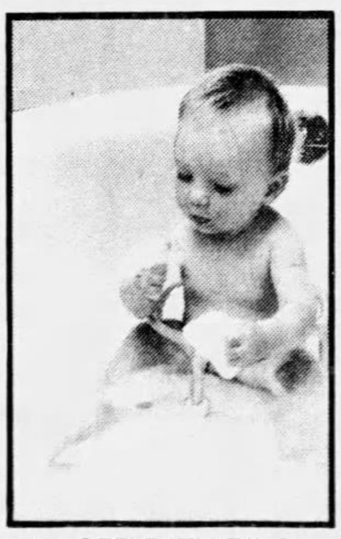

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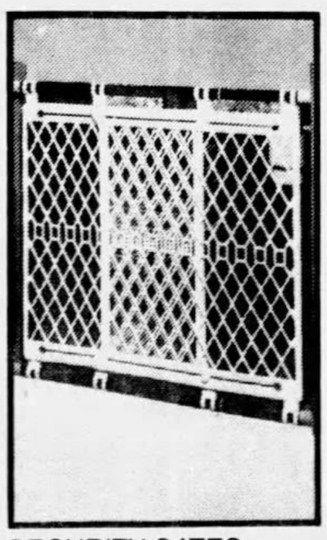

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Local

Nursing home called unsafe

Inspection panel recommends closing building where man died

By Elizabeth Payne
Citizen staff writer

An Ottawa nursing home that was the scene of a fatal fire last summer has been criticized by a public inspection panel for unsafe conditions.

In a report filed Thursday, the panel said Ottawa Centre Nursing Home is "totally unsuitable."

In June, Roy Hummel, 58, who was mute and nearly blind, died as a result of a fire at the home. Four other elderly residents were injured.

The public institutions inspection panel recommended the MacLaren Street building be upgraded for now and closed by the fall of 1990.

Last spring, nursing home owner Horace Gooden refused to allow an inspection panel into the building. Two panels that toured the building in 1988 expressed concerns over fire hazards.

Every six months, a panel is chosen from jury lists to inspect jails and other publicly-funded institutions. Although Ottawa Centre Nursing Home is privately owned, it receives provincial money. It houses about 100 people.

Members of the seven-person panel which toured the nursing home last week said it lacks proper facilities, is overcrowded, h minimal ventilation and its washrooms are in poor condition. It noted that the home's single elevator "appears too small to hold an ambulance stretcher."

The panel also said balconies are in poor repair with railings that are too low.

Nursing home manager John Larsen said Thursday he would not comment on the report until he has seen it.

Wellington Ald. Diane Holmes, whose ward includes the nursing home, said: "The best answer is to move and build a specially-designed building."

In order to ensure recommendations from inspection panels are acted on in future, the panel recommended institutions involved be required to respond to recommendations. If items have not been dealt with in six months, it said "more drastic action" should be taken.

The nursing home was just one of 16 institutions toured by the panel last week. As a result of the tours the panel also recommended:

- Ottawa area police forces agree to uniform standards on the handling of firearms, fire protection and lawyer-client interviews within police stations.
- The issue of safety at the Ottawa courthouse be addressed. It recommended the general public not be allowed to circulate through the courthouse unchallenged and that a system to prevent removal of records be installed.
- The Royal Ottawa Hospital be given $1.2 million to set up a crisis and assessment unit.

Among 36 recommendations in the report, the panel gave the Rideau Correctional and Treatment Centre high marks "for effort and achievement in spite of restraints on both operating and capital expenditures."

'THANKS!'

CF sufferers pick scientists over celebrities

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

Pierre Poirier didn't care if he met U.S. First Lady Barbara Bush, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney or his wife Mila.

The 25-year-old Ottawa man, who has cystic fibrosis, was at a celebrity-studded CF fundraiser Thursday night to say thanks to two men whose work could prolong his life. Poirier had come to meet Dr. Jack Riordan and Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui, the scientists behind this summer's discovery of the defective gene that causes the fatal disease.

"They were the main ones I wanted to see," said Poirier, who with nine others suffering from CF, was taking part in the event at the Museum of Civilization in Hull. "I just wanted a chance to thank them."

Poirier wasn't alone. Luke Labelle, 21, of Nepean, politely greeted Barbara Bush but saved his admiration for the two Canadian doctors standing nearby.

"What do you say to Mrs. Bush? 'Hi, long time no see.' But I told the doctors 'thanks a lot and keep up the good work,'" Labelle said.

The recent medical breakthrough by the U.S. and Canadian research team may not help those now suffering from CF but could save countless lives in the future if it leads to a cure, Labelle said.

"At the very least, it motivates you to try and live a little longer," said Poirier.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disorder known to afflict 2,500 young Canadians and is suspected of remaining undiagnosed in as many more. More than one million Canadians carry the defective CF gene without showing symptoms.

The disease disrupts glands that secrete fluids, causing them to produce thick, sticky mucous. The substance builds up in lungs, blocking airways.

The $1,000-a-ticket event, which included a variety show featuring U.S. and Canadian celebrities, raised $500,000 for CF research. Bush flew in for the six-hour gala as a favor to Mila Mulroney, chairman of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, said the First Lady's deputy press secretary Sondra Haley.

That's the type of high-profile exposure needed to raise public awareness and more funds for CF, said Eric Sutton, 39, of Quyon, who has the disease.

"The public visibility of this event is phenomenal," said Sutton. "It can't but help."

—Wayne Cuddington, Citizen

Gala fundraisers included Brian Mulroney, U.S. First Lady Barbara Bush and Mila Mulroney

Debbie Glandon and son Jesse
Worried about accidents

Mom urges action after bus door traps son

By Kelly Egan
Citizen staff writer

A woman whose three-year-old son was trapped by the closing doors of an OC Transpo bus expressed concern Thursday over a spate of similar accidents recently.

"Something has to be done about those doors," said Debbie Glandon, 24. "It's ridiculous."

Wednesday, three-year-old Jesse Watt caught his left foot in the rear doors as he tried to step off the number 7 bus on St. Laurent Boulevard at Brittany Drive.

"He went into hysterics," Glandon said.

"I tried pull him up ... and then I grabbed his boot but it wouldn't budge."

The boy was finally freed when a passenger, who had exited by the second back door, "pulled the door right off its hinges," Glandon said.

Public concern over bus-door accidents has become so widespread that coroner James Dickson has called an inquest into the death of a teenager killed under the wheels of a bus Nov. 5.

Police believe Jason Walsh, 18, died after his jacket draw-strings got caught in the rear doors of the bus as he was getting off. He was dragged under the back wheels.

Regional Chairman Andy Haydon, who oversees the transit commission, said he was going to look into the latest incident today.

Watt had a mark on his ankle but was otherwise unhurt.

Police seized the bus and plan to have it examined by a bus mechanic, said Ottawa police Insp. James Carroll.

Carroll said: "The question we have to answer is: 'Why did the bus doors close?'"

OC Transpo is investigating the accident, said spokesman Oxana Sawka. The transit authority has said such accidents are extremely rare.

Sawka said the doors used by OC "are the accepted industry standard."

CLOSE-UP

Parkinson's victim has no regrets

Woman fights fears by helping others

By Marsha Skuce
Citizen staff writer

It was the luck of the draw, and Karen Watson suspects she came up empty-handed.

The 45-year-old Kanata woman was one of 20 Ottawa area participants who took part in a $10-million, 28-city, 800-patient research project on Parkinson's disease.

In a double-blind study, in random assignment, some patients were given the drug deprenyl, others a placebo. Early indications, announced Wednesday in press conferences and the *New England Journal of Medicine*, are that deprenyl is effective in slowing the progress of the debilitating disease.

So strong is the evidence, in fact, that doctors concluded it would be unethical to keep the drug from others even though the final results won't be known until 1992.

Watson is delighted. Unfortunately, she suspects she was one of the patients given the placebo. In the year she's been in the study, her condition has deteriorated.

But she has no bitterness, no regrets. She feels she's played the hand she was dealt and found the good in it.

In the spring of 1988, Watson, a social worker at the Children's Aid Society, says she "started to feel something was wrong" — unrelieved fatigue, stiffness in an arm, a tremor in a hand, difficulty just getting in and out of a car. Her co-workers suggested it might be stress.

Her doctor sent her to a neurologist who diagnosed Parkinson's disease.

Karen Watson
A heightened appreciation of life

About 60,000 Canadians are affected by this illness, with 75 to 100 new cases from the Ottawa and Outaouais areas seen each year at the Civic.

It's usually found in people over age 50 and patients can live a normal lifespan. But most end up severely disabled. The cause of Parkinson's disease is not known.

After the initial shock, disbelief and attempts to educate herself about the illness, Watson, along with her husband and teenaged son and daughter, thought life would go on as usual.

"But you become hyper alert about your body, always checking, monitoring yourself," she says.

She heard a major research project was getting under way and asked her doctor to refer her to Dr. David Grimes, senior vice-president for research at the Civic. In August of 1988, she became part of the study.

But by Christmas, getting in or out of a chair required complete concentration. Her handwriting became smaller and smaller as her hand coordination worsened. Fatigue had turned to "total exhaustion."

By February she realized she could no longer work and she began to suspect the medication she was taking was only a placebo.

Watson says she didn't take an emotional dive because she had no excessive expectations. Grimes "never sold me a bill of goods." He was always cautious and realistic, she says.

Simple tasks like cutting up a salad

Please see VICTIM/C2

Boycott NAC, musicians ask public

By Marsha Skuce
Citizen staff writer

Area musicians, in support of the striking National Arts Centre Orchestra, are discouraging residents from using the NAC's reception areas, restaurant, parking garage or from attending stage presentations.

The strike has "become more than just the orchestra", Bob Langley, secretary of the Ottawa-Hull District Federation of Musicians, said today. All area musicians are now affected, he said, because NAC management has cancelled an agreement allowing only union musicians to play in the building.

Langley said NAC management gave notice in May that it would cancel the long-standing agreement Oct. 31.

As a result, he said, the union will ask area musicians not to accept contracts for either theatrical presentations or private parties held at the NAC. Contracts reached before Oct. 31 will be honored.

The federation represents 1,600 members in the national capital area.

Manon Raiche, communications director for the NAC, confirmed the agreement has been cancelled, but said management hopes to renegotiate its terms.

Through their union, they filed an application Wednesday with the Canada Labor Relations Board. The application alleges that the NAC Corp. has failed to bargain in good faith or make every reasonable effort to enter into a collective agreement.

Without past, woman faces unsure future

DAVE BROWN
Citizen staff

BROWN'S BEAT

Bert Waddington, of Whitmore Avenue, sums up his outrage in three clichés: "I don't like to cry wolf. But the wolf is at the door. I'm robbing Peter to pay Paul."

The outrage is aimed at Ontario's lack of facilities for the treatment of brain injuries.

Since August, Waddington, 71, and his wife Verna have been living in a motel in Erie, Penn., because they are desperately needed by their injured daughter. She requires treatment for brain damage and her needs can't be met in Ontario.

Waddington is retired and his income limited. In answering the unexpected need of his daughter, he has fallen $5,000 in arrears in municipal taxes. The City of Ottawa has sent out its tax collectors and he is scared.

The three-bedroom split-level they have lived in for 25 years is their last hope. They're afraid they'll lose it to taxes.

It could be the only hope their daughter has.

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On March 11, **Brenda Bloom**, 42, sales agent for Richcraft Homes, mother of three, divorced, walked to a store near her Richmond Road home with a friend. They were sharing a laugh when she went into cardiac arrest.

Bloom
Needs family

She was three days in coma at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute at the Civic Hospital.

The Waddingtons were given a bleak picture of what would remain of their daughter. She might not be able to move or speak. She would have little reason for living.

And the pessimistic forecasts were correct. That was her situation when she opened her eyes.

But over the next few weeks she surprised the skeptics by recovering movement and speech.

Then started the long and frustrating search for treatment.

First OHIP had to be convinced she qualified for such help, and then a proper facility had to be found. On Aug. 24, she was admitted to the Lake Erie Institute of Rehabilitation in Erie.

It became immediately evident that she needed family.

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"If you met her now you wouldn't know anything was wrong with her," says father. "She looks and sounds normal. She walks just fine. Her progress has been amazing. But she has absolutely no immediate memory."

She remembers her past, but has no memory of moment-to-moment events. She will politely introduce herself, and a few moments later do it again. She's the same pleasant woman she was on March 10.

In terms of need, she panics if there isn't a family member at hand. She knows them because they're filed among her past memories.

"We aren't the only ones," says Waddington. "There's a floor at LEIR filled with Canadians. There must be 20 patients and their families."

The Kiwanis Club of Ottawa has stepped in with help, and its $5,000 cash donation will take off some of the pressure. But the club sees more problems ahead and will co-ordinate further help.

Donations are being accepted. Cheques can be made out to Kiwanis Club of Ottawa (Brenda Fund), and tax receipts can be issued. Mailing address is 111 Sparks St., Room 202, Ottawa, K1P 5B5.

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Righting matches

Wednesday, this column ran a list of organizations matching needy families to office and business groups for Christmas. From the research notes a telephone number was switched. Gloucester Community Resource Centre makes such matches, and its number is 741-6025.

The number given, 830-4357, is the Cumberland Township Community Centre, where Shirley LeBlanc has cheerfully been giving out the right number.

Matters of fact

SINGLE MOMS: Nearly 83 per cent of the single-parent families in Ottawa-Carleton are headed by women.

Source: Statistics Canada.

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World

SAKHAROV

He was a tireless fighter for human rights

Citizen staff

Andrei Sakharov's achievements were what others could only dream about.

The physicist went from helping develop the Soviet hydrogen bomb to winning the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize for guarding human rights in his country, to becoming a leading voice of the Soviet parliament under Mikhail Gorbachev.

His life was marked with a sense of responsibility for others, often at the expense of his own freedoms.

Roger Clark, secretary general of Amnesty International (Canada), said Sakharov's death was tragic because so many of the things he had worked for were now happening.

"It's sad that he didn't live to see the finish of what he started," Clark said.

"In the field of human rights activism, his name will be synonymous with those who fought for it during the darkest hours. What he started in the Soviet Union has spread to other parts of Eastern Europe.'

Awakened to the horrors of nuclear war, Sakharov began his seemingly-endless role of political activist in 1958 when he began a letter writing campaign that contributed to the 1963 signing of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Under the treaty, the Soviet Union and the United States agreed to stop testing nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, under water or in space.

While making him enemies, Sakharov's activism was tolerated because of his international stature and his invaluable research work.

"His death will be mourned by a large number of people, but politically it won't make any difference," said Larry Black, a professor of Soviet and East European Studies at Carleton University.

"He's just one of a small dissident group within the Congress of People's Deputies," said Black, referring to the 2,250-member elected body.

Black estimated Sakharov had about 300 supporters in the elected assembly.

Gerhard Herzberg, 85, a Nobel Prize winning physicist with the National Research Council picketed regularly in front of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa in the years Sakharov was in exile.

"He certainly suffered and that contributed to his poor health," said Herzberg.

Herzberg, who had a brief physics discussion with Sakharov during his visit to Ottawa, described him as "a great man without any question ... a remarkable person."

"He suffered with people who suffered. His compassion was very clear."

In 1968 Sakharov went too far when an essay he wrote talked about a "convergence" theory involving capitalism and socialism.

The Soviet government stripped him of his security clearance of most of the perks his position allowed.

But Sakharov forged ahead forming in 1970 the Moscow Human Rights Committee which was to spearhead the human rights movement in the Soviet Union.

In 1975 he won the Nobel Peace Prize which his wife Yelena Bonner had to accept for him in Oslo after he was refused permission to leave the country.

But Sakharov's criticism was never limited to his own government. Among his other targets were the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, Israeli mistreatment of Palestinians, Iraq's war of genocide against its Kurdish minority and South Africa's racism.

At the same time he found time for ground-breaking theoretical research.

In January, 1980, he was sent to internal exile in Gorky for criticizing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Four years later he staged a hunger strike to gain permission for his wife to go to the West for treatment of her heart condition and eye problems. For that effort he was forcibly hospitalized and force fed.

In 1985 he staged two more hunger strikes, in a successful attempt to gain an exit visa for Bonner. He lost 44 pounds and wieghed only 132 pounds at the end of the strike.

In December, 1986, Gorbachev called Sakharov and Bonner in Gorky to tell them they could return to Moscow. In November, 1988, he was allowed to visit the United States.

After his return to Moscow, Sakharov was a constant gadfly to Mikhail Gorbachev. His appeals have sometimes anticipated official announcements, as when he called for massive Soviet troop cuts in Eastern Europe, just weeks before Gorbachev announced them to the United Nations Assembly.

(With files from David Pugliese, Mike Blanchfield and Dennis Foley.)

—Pat McGrath, Citizen

Poignant: Sakharov, Yelena Bonner in quiet moment

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CITY

Posties pushing home delivery

By Bruce Ward
Citizen staff writer

Rick Irving made his rounds Saturday where no letter carrier has gone before: the Chapel Hill neighborhood in Orleans.

But Irving wasn't delivering mail, although he wants to. He was dropping off union leaflets denouncing Canada Post's superboxes which are used in Chapel Hill and several other suburban areas in the region.

Chapel Hill, like similar new suburban tracts in Nepean and Kanata, has never had door-to-door mail delivery.

"People I talked to on the doorsteps listened but they seemed pretty pessimistic about changing Canada Post's mind," said Irving, a member of the Ottawa local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

"But everybody wants door-to-door delivery, that was clear."

The Postal Services Review Committee has recommended Canada Post use a portion of the revenue from a one-cent increase in first-class postage next year to improve service to suburban and rural customers.

Committee chairman Alan Marchment rejected Canada Post's claim it would cost $1.5 billion to replace superboxes with door-to-door delivery.

The union estimates it would cost $34 million — about a third of the $96-million profit Canada Post earned last year.

"It's not fair to treat suburban residents different than other Canadians," said Stan McGuire, president of the Ottawa local.

"That's where the corporation should be spending its profits, on improving service."

CUPW president Jean-Claude Parrot has warned that superboxes may be a strike issue in current contract talks with Canada Post.

The union represents about 20,000 letter carrier members.

—Chris Mikula, Citizen

Rick Irving: Post trekker

Hospital

From page D1 story:
Civic turns 65 today

According to the hospital's history books, newcomers were admonished that "only young women of unblemished character with healthy minds and bodies are desired in this Training School ... bobbed hair is not permitted and the use of tobacco and alcohol is strictly forbidden."

But if there was a less than amicable atmosphere at the hospital in its early days, Laura O'Connor didn't notice it. The 28-year-old mother of two was busy on her hands and knees scrubbing floors in the hospital lobby. It was a job she took pride in, and considered herself fortunate to have. Only a few weeks earlier, O'Connor and her husband had lost their Westboro home and everything they owned in a fire.

"The hospital was very good to me," remembers O'Connor, who celebrated her 93rd birthday this week. "They gave me a free hot meal every day." O'Connor left the hospital less than a year later when she became pregnant with the third of 10 children. O'Connor is believed to be the only person remaining out of those who were on staff when the hospital opened.

The hospital's first five years were prosperous ones, with increasing numbers of patients and new and improved services.

But it was short lived.

In 1929, the stock market collapsed, plunging the country into the Depression. A severe drop in revenue from private and semi-private patients crippled the hospital. Some medical and surgical wards were closed, employees were hit with a reduction in pay and longer hours became the norm. Scarlet fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis and other contagious diseases struck many of the nurses until an immunization program was adopted in 1930.

While the hospital was still recovering from the Depression, the Second World War broke out, and the city's population exploded.

People poured into the city looking for work with the federal government and armed forces. For the Civic, it meant an increased patient load at a time when the hospital was already struggling under budget cuts, a shortage of surgical supplies — including rubber gloves and X-ray film — and severely cramped conditions.

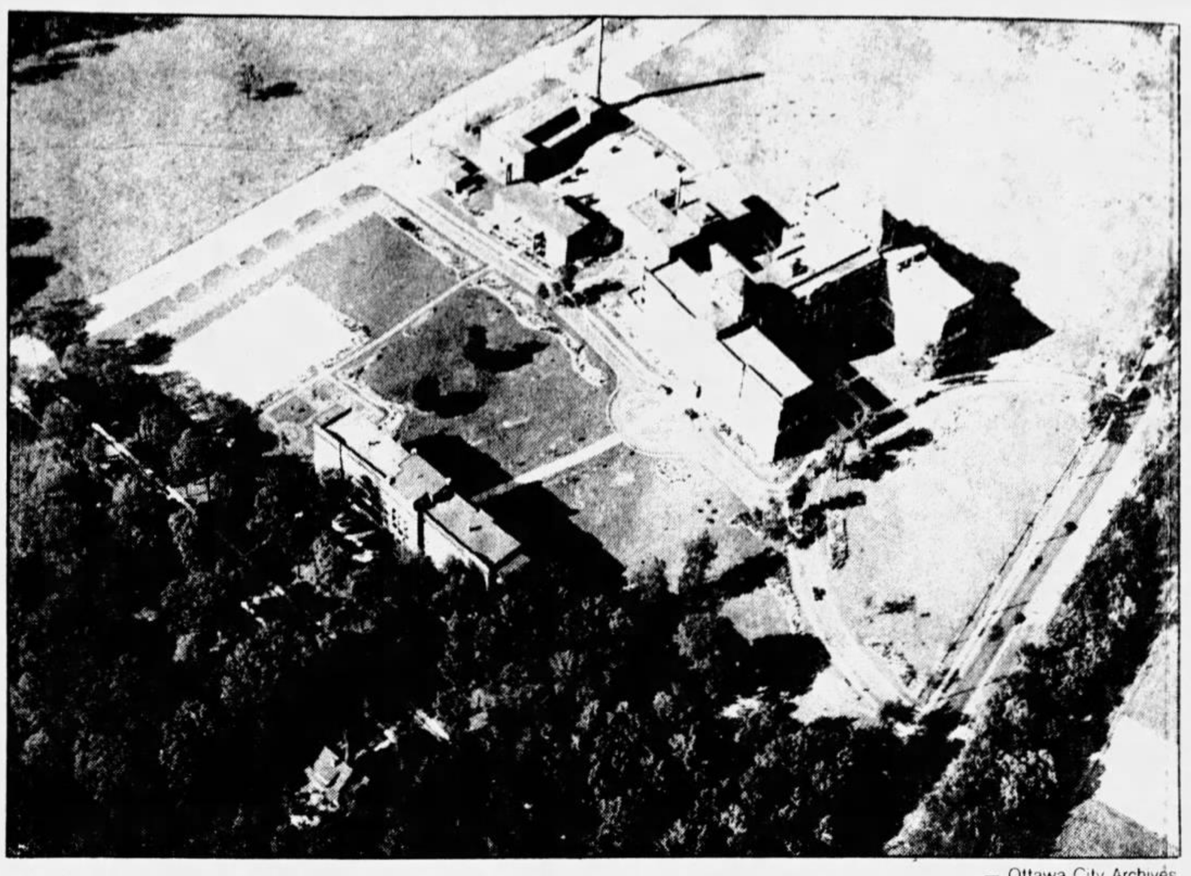
Despite the difficulties, service continued without disruption throughout the war.

In the past 50 years — like all hospitals — the Civic has moved towards more ambulatory care and outpatient services. The average length of patient stay has dropped from 17 to 10 days in the past 20 years or so. "The goal was to get patients back in circulation faster," says McKendrick.

In the early '60s, a day surgery opened, where patients could undergo minor surgery and return home the same day. In its first six months, the service performed 600 procedures. Last year, there were 6,812.

In the late '60s, cardiac care gained prominence. In 1966, four heart surgeries were performed. Last year, there were 1,327 heart operations, and three artificial heart transplants.

Fuelling the Civic's growth has been an unwavering commitment from community volunteers, including the Civic Hospital Auxiliary, which provided more than 90,000 hours of volunteer service and contributed more than $500,000 to the hospital last year.



— Ottawa City Archives

Folly: Critics said it was madness to build hospital in middle of farmland

Bishop sees hope amidst war's ruins

By David Pugliese
Citizen staff writer

It is the burned out shell of a university that gives Anglican Bishop Edwin Lackey the most hope for war-torn El Salvador.

Little is left of San Salvador's university except charred walls. But what impressed the Ottawa Bishop was the determination of university officials to carry on. In some parts of the school in the capital city, small seminar groups are meeting in classrooms that don't have roofs.

"They are still planning for the future," said Lackey, who spent the last several days in El Salvador on a fact-finding mission. "That's the sign of hope."

Lackey, who is to return to Ottawa today, was accompanied by Newfoundland Conservative MP Ross Reid and a Canadian development agency representative. They talked to government and church officials on what Canada can do to help the Central American country divided by civil war.

What that should include is "a major" medical aid package and emergency items such as food and blankets, Lackey said in a telephone interview from his hotel in San Salvador. Later Canada should look at providing educational aid such as job training.

The group's visit coincided with the delivery of $315,000 worth of emergency supplies from the Canadian government to a variety of Canadian non-government organizations in El Salvador.

But before any outside help can benefit the country, a ceasefire must be arranged between the government and the rebels, Lackey said.

"A military solution won't work. It has to be political."

Canada might play a role in providing a mediator but Lackey said he is unsure if that plan would be accepted by the rebels or the government.

The leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, launched a series of attacks starting in November that included fierce fighting in San Salvador.

Snowmobile accident claims life

Citizen staff

A Perth man died in Gatineau Park Friday night after an accident with the snowmobile he was driving pinned him to the ground.

Robert Wilson, 20, was snowmobiling with two friends near Luskville when they got separated, said Quebec Police Force Sgt. Jacques Toulouse. His friends searched unsuccessfully for him for several hours.

Police found Wilson's body trapped underneath the snowmobile at about 1 p.m. Saturday. Toulouse didn't know if Wilson froze to death or if he died from injuries.

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World

Western nations laud Ceausescu's fall

By Christina Spencer
Citizen staff writer

Canada says overthrow is "very welcome" and suspends economic sanctions one day after imposing them

Canada today hailed the fall of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and suspended the economic sanctions it had announced against the East bloc nation on Thursday.

Ceausescu's fall is "very welcome" and "the best Christmas present the Romanian people could have given themselves," said External Affairs spokesman Mark Entwistle.

"We hope this means an end to the brutal repression in Romania."

On Thursday, Canada announced a series of measures against Romania in response to the massacre by the security forces of up to 4,000 people this week.

The measures were to include recalling Ambassador Saul Grey from Bucharest, cancelling contact between government officials, taking Romania off the general preferential tariff list and requiring permits for all Canadian exports to the country.

Entwistle said these actions have now been suspended "pending clarification of the situation.

"The circumstances have changed markedly in one night. Our ambassador has been instructed to delay his departure from Bucharest."

But Entwistle stressed that the situation was still "very fluid" following announcements of the formation of a "National Front of Salvation" apparently led by former foreign minister Corneliu Manescu.

Reaction around the world to Ceausescu's downfall was positive.

Britain hailed it as "excellent news" and foreign ministers of the 12-nation European Community agreed to a special meeting to discuss aid to the new Romanian government.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said: "The essential thing now is to put an end to the violence and start dialogue between the various political groups so as to put free institutions into place."

Hurd said he was sorry there had been a "bloodbath" before Ceausescu fell and that the dictator "will carry a very heavy responsibility before history" for what he has done.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said the European Community ministers will hold a special meeting in Paris and that he expects the representatives will agree to give aid to "democratic Romania."

Early today, the State Department said it was ordering the evacuation of dependents of U.S. Embassy employees and non-essential personnel affiliated with the mission "due to the deteriorating situation" in the communist nation.

It also issued a travel advisory, warning Americans in Romania to leave and urging Americans not enter the Eastern European country.

Before his ouster, Ceausescu had been under intense criticism for using troops and tanks to put down protests in at least four Romanians cities. Perhaps the loudest cries of indignation and condemnation came from neighboring East Bloc countries where the Communist Party has been under attack and forced to yield to popular dissent. East Germany led the chorus and Poland and Bulgaria also had denounced the Romanian methods.

Hungary suspended a friendship-and-cooperation agreement with Romania, while East Germany and Czechoslovakia joined Britain, France, Italy, Austria, and Belgium in recalling their ambassadors from Bucharest for consultations.

It was not know what their reaction would be to today's news.

(With files from UPI)

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—John Major, Citizen

Angry protest: Romanians demonstrate outside Romanian Embassy in Ottawa on Thursday.

Protesters throw eggs at Ottawa embassy

By Dennis Foley
Citizen staff writer

More than 200 native-born Romanians braved sub-zero temperatures outside the Romanian embassy in Ottawa on Thursday to vent their anger over the killing of demonstrators demanding reform in their homeland.

Several eggs were thrown against embassy windows during the hour-long demonstration. The name Timisoara was sprayed in blood-red paint on a wall that still bore the faded lettering of earlier graffiti attacks.

Timisoara is the western Romanian city where the army fired on crowds protesting the government of President President Nicolae Ceaucescu. Estimates of deaths in Timisoara range from hundreds to 4,000.

Peter Boboiciov, 37, of Nepean, a native of Timisoara who arrived in Canada last year, expressed concern for a younger brother whom he's sure participated in the protests.

"He's young and wants another life. For young people, life in Romania is very hard."

The demonstration was organized by the Romanian-Canadian Cultural Association.

Other east European and Chinese pro-democracy groups turned out in support.

"People are dying over there," said Dan Putina, 26, of Montreal, who arrived in Canada 3½ years ago. "The least I can do is stand in the cold for an hour or two."

Putina said a television newscast that included the sounds of the shooting gave him gooseflesh and made him shiver all over.

"It's for our parents, our brothers and our friends," said George Lulelaru, 34, also of Montreal. "It's to show support for their fight for freedom. I hope they can finish the job."

Boboiciov said his wife Eva arrived from Romania in September.

"She said there is no bread and there is a high infant mortality rate. Everything is exported, it's not for the people. Farmers are penalized for not meeting their quota, despite the lack of rain.

"I bought a nice pair of boots here that were made in Romania. Those kind of boots are not available back home."

Possible successor spent last months under house arrest

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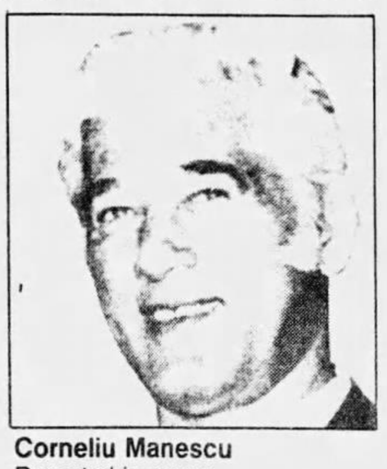

Corneliu Manescu
Reported in power

Corneliu Manescu, 73, reported to have assumed power in Romania at the head of the National Salvation Front, has been one of the leaders of the opposition movement against hardline Communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu, say western diplomats in Bucharest.

A former foreign minister and the first Communist president of the United Nations General Assembly, he had been under house arrest since April for criticizing the regime.

In March, Manescu and five other former members of the party leadership signed an open letter to Ceausescu, which was published in the West.

They denounced the government as incompetent and accused Ceausescu of discrediting socialism, isolating Romania within Europe, violating the constitution and the Helsinki Final Act on human rights.

Manescu was put under house arrest in an agro-industrial complex at Chitila, near Bucharest, in primitive conditions — without running water — and was refused medical treatment despite poor health.

Born Feb. 8, 1916, at Ploesti, the heartland of Romania's oil industry, his father was a government employee under the monarchy. He joined the underground Communist movement when he was studying law at Bucharest University.

A militant anti-fascist during the Second World War, he became chief of the political department in the armed forces in 1945. He was named deputy defence minister in 1948 and deputy chairman of the state planning committee in 1955.

After serving as ambassador to Budapest in 1960, he became foreign minister in 1961, a post he held for the next 11 years. In 1967 he was elected president of the 22nd session of the UN General Assembly, the first representative of a communist country to hold that post.

From 1973 to 1977, he was vice-president of the National Council of Socialist Unity Front, which groups representatives of all professsions and minorities living in Romania.

He served as Romania's ambassador to France.

Chronology of Romanian history since the Second World War

The New York Times

- **1944:** Soviet forces enter the country.
- **March 1945:** Under Soviet pressure, King Michael accepts a Communist-led coalition government.
- **1946:** Elections usher in a Communist-dominated bloc with 89 per cent of the vote, although opposition parties charge fraud.
- **Dec. 30, 1947:** The king is forced to abdicate and the Romanian People's Republic is proclaimed.
- **1948:** The Communists gain full control.
- **1965:** Nicolae Ceausescu becomes Communist Party chief.
- **1968:** The government denounces the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia — the most striking example of Bucharest's independence of Moscow in foreign policy. It also has maintained diplomatic relations with Israel after the Middle East war of 1967, and it became the first Eastern bloc country to recognize West Germany.
- **1981:** Romania begins to introduce policies to eliminate a foreign debt of more than $11 billion by the end of the decade. Over the years the measures include widespread, severe cuts in residential and industrial energy use and a basic disregard for consumer needs.
- **May 1987:** President Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union visits, but Ceausescu indicates that the reforms taking place in other Eastern bloc countries will not be introduced in Rumania.
- **November 1987:** After months of energy rationing made worse by severe weather, thousands of people, led by workers at a tractor factory, march through the city of Brasov to protest a decline in living standards. Hundreds are arrested. Similar disturbances break out later in other cities, including the western city of Timisoara.
- **March 1988:** The president announces a program calling for the demolition of up to 8,000 villages and the resettlement of their residents, including about 50,000 Hungarians, in housing complexes. The program draws internal and international criticism and severely strains relations between Romania and Hungary.
- **Dec. 16, 1989:** Romanian security forces begin a crackdown on tens of thousands of protesters in Timisoara. There are reports that as many as 4,000 people were killed.
- **Dec. 21:** Demonstrations spread to Bucharest.
- **Dec. 22:** Ceausescu government falls.

Dissident minister alive, parents inform brother

By Christina Spencer
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A dissident minister arrested in Romania during Sunday's violence was reported alive by his family today.

Rev. Laszlo Tokes was able to telephone his parents in the Romanian city of Cluj earlier this week, said his brother Istvan.

Tokes, a member of Romania's Hungarian minority, had barricaded himself in his church in the city of Timisoara for several weeks after receiving death threats. Police attempts to arrest him Sunday touched off bloodshed in several cities that may have killed as many as 4,000 people.

Tokes and his pregnant wife were taken from the church by police during the violence. The couple had not been heard from since and were feared dead.

Istvan Tokes, who lives in Montreal, said he was "very, very happy" when his parents telephoned from Romania to report they had heard from the minister.

His wife Kati told the *Citizen* today that Istvan had been able to have a long telephone conversation with his parents in Romania.

"They said they know where Laszlo is and are waiting to see him. Everybody cried."

Istvan Tokes could give no details of whether Laszlo Tokes was under arrest or still in Timisoara.

"He told (my parents) he was OK. But when you expect after every word that the line will be cut, you don't ask questions in detail."

Istvan Tokes was to travel to Ottawa today to meet with MPs.

Canadians have ringside seat on chaos

By David Pugliese
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> **—Ruth Denton**
> Honorary Canadian consul

Canadian Alfred Alfaro has a ringside seat he'd love to vacate.

Seventy-five metres from his house in the Duayacanes neighborhood of Panama City is an anti-tank position manned by troops loyal to strongman Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Looking out his front window Thursday night Alfaro described how U.S. jets were dropping flares to mark enemy positions. Wednesday morning, he watched a three-hour American rocket attack on a nearby Panamanian Defence Force bunker.

"This is just like the movies," said Alfaro, 35, who is originally from Montreal but now lives in the country with his Panamanian wife and child. "But it's one ringside seat I wish I could get out of."

Alfaro, one of an estimated 450 Canadians in Panama, hasn't been able to leave his house since the fighting began two days ago. If he were out on the street, he'd run the risk of being shot by members of Noriega's Dignity Battalions, Alfaro said.

"They are heavily armed goons who are randomly shooting at anything. They are the most dangerous."

He said battalion members are hiding during the day and attacking U.S. troops at night.

One of the main problems Alfaro faces is dwindling food supplies. He and his family have about three days of provisions left. Once that runs out, Alfaro hopes his neighbors will share some of their stocks.

Even if fighting subsides, getting food will still be a problem as most of the supermarkets have been looted, he said.

Alfaro said Canadians are staying off the streets and are keeping a low profile. In case there is an evacuation of foreigners they have been told to go to a U.S. Air Force base in the city where they will be flown back to Canada.

Alfaro said American soldiers are mopping up pockets of resistance from Noriega's forces but in some areas of the city "they're still giving U.S. troops a rough time."

Canada's honorary consul, an official who hands out forms and keeps track of Canadians on a part-time basis, said late Thursday that all Canadians in Panama have been accounted for and are safe.

Ruth Denton, who lives in Panama City, said looting was still continuing.

"It's like Old Mother Hubbard has opened the cupboard. You don't dare go out on the streets."

The Canadian ambassador for the region, Gar Pardy, is stationed in Costa Rica. He said Canadians were not being evacuated from Panama, but were advised to stay indoors.

(With files from Citizen staff writer Carrie Buchanan)

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Standing guard

An American soldier stands guard Thursday in front of the burnt-out defence headquarters in Panama City of General Manuel Antonio Noriega.